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THE HEDGEHOG™



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TYRANNY-- LIKE A DARK CLOUD IT SHADOWS A LAND, CAUSING THE VALIANT TO REBEL, CREATING WAR...

WAR-- ITS SOLDIERS ARE OFTEN CALLED **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, WHO ARE SOMETIMES DRIVEN TO DESPERATE ACTS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED NEUTRALITY...

NEUTRALITY-- A POSITION IN WAR THE FABLED **FLOATING ISLAND** HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AS ITS NATIVES LOOK FOR HOPE FROM ITS GUARDIAN...

GUARDIAN-- THE ONE BEING THEY DEPEND ON TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DESPERATE ACTS OF THOSE IN SEARCH OF **FREEDOM** AND THEIR WAR'S INVASION...

INVASION-- SOMETHING **KNUCKLES** THE ECHIDNA NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND WITH FROM THE LIKES OF **SONIC** THE HEDGEHOG!

ARE YOU CRAZY-- BARGING IN HERE AND DEMANDING I FORK OVER MY **CHAOS EMERALD** ?!

WITHOUT IT, MY **ISLAND** WILL FALL!

I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT -- THE FATE OF **MOBIUS** DEPENDS ON IT!

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 1

ROBOTNIK JUST TRIED TO SINK MY ISLAND*-- NOW YOU WANT TO FINISH THE JOB?!

THAT GROTTO'S ON WHAT USED TO BE ROYAL REAL ESTATE AND BY RIGHTS IT BELONGS TO KING ACORN'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

BRACK!

KRAK!

OFF! NO, BUT DURING THAT BATTLE I LEARNED YOU HAD A SPARE EMERALD WHICH YOU STOLE FROM THE POWER RING GROTTO!**

UGH! SEZ YOU! I NEED THAT EXTRA EMERALD FOR "HOME OWNER'S INSURANCE" AND I WON'T GIVE IT UP!

*NO, YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING, FANS. READ THE SONICQUEST LIMITED SERIES FOR THE LOWDOWN. ON SALE NOW!--EDITOR-X1

* SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES#1-EDITORX2

SONIC! KNUCKLES! STOP! THIS WON'T SAVE KING ACORN'S LIFE!

THEN WHAT'S THIS ABOUT SAVING HIS LIFE?

SOME UNKNOWN SIDE EFFECT OF HIS IMPRISONMENT IS TURNING HIS BODY INTO CRYSTAL!****

WHAT'S HE MEAN? THE KING'S IMPRISONED!

NOT ANY MORE! WE FINALLY RESCUED HIM FROM THE ZONE OF SILENCE!****

**** SONICQUEST #1-- "TOO MANY FOOT-NOTES EDITOR"! (2)

*** LAST ISSUE -- EDITOR X3

"WE TRIED TO USE A *POWER RING* TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH, BUT IT FAILED!*

"AND WHEN TAILS SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A *CHAOS EMERALD**, I FIGURED MAYBE A REAL ONE WOULD DO THE TRICK!"

* SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR

BESIDES, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD USE ITS *POWER* AGAINST BUTTNIK'S NEW KICK-BUTT INVENTIONS!

WE GOT THE ONES ROBOTNIK--
=MMPH!<

WHAT HE MEANS IS WE TRIED, BUT BUTTNIK** SUCKED IT DRY!

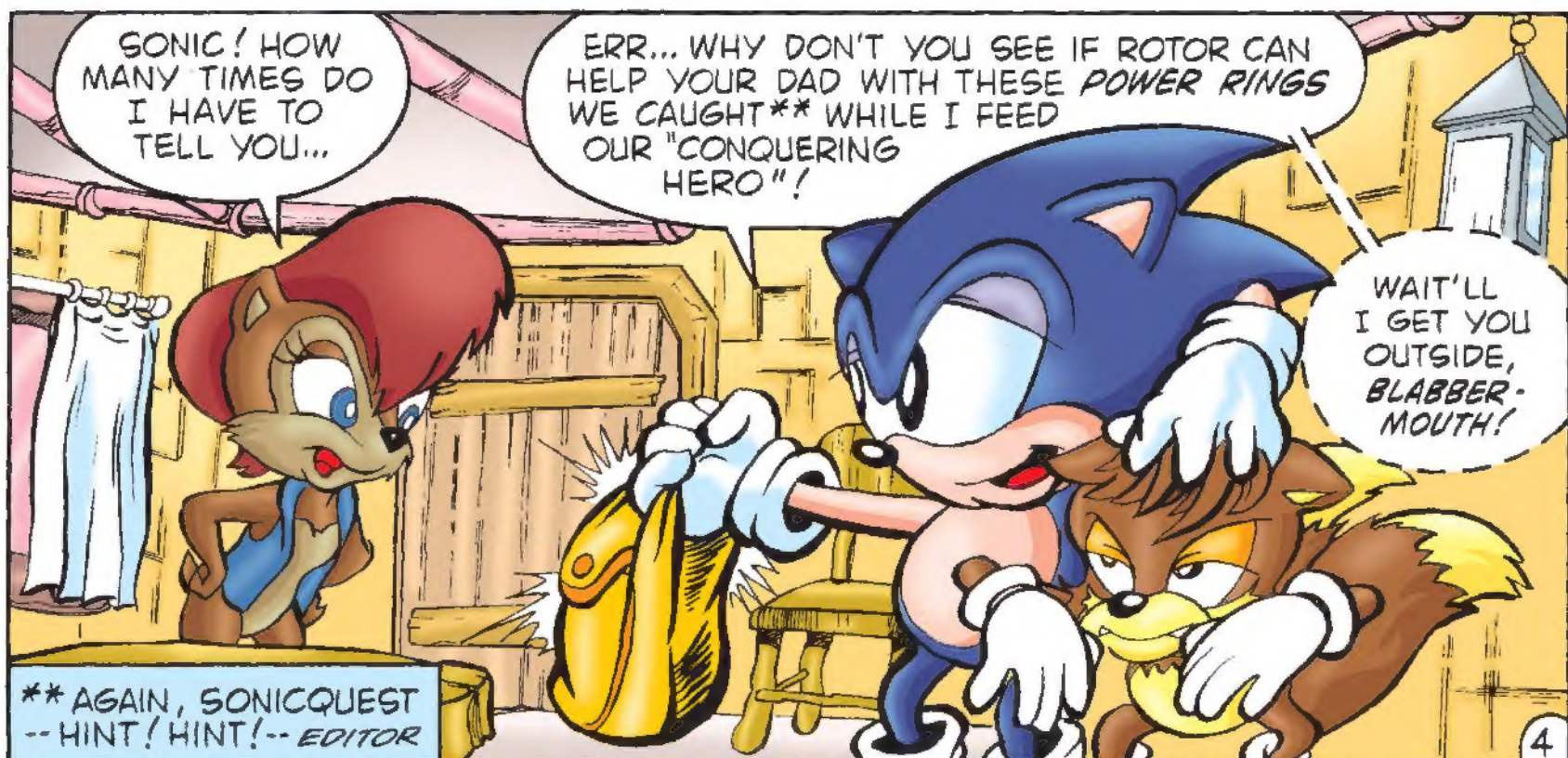
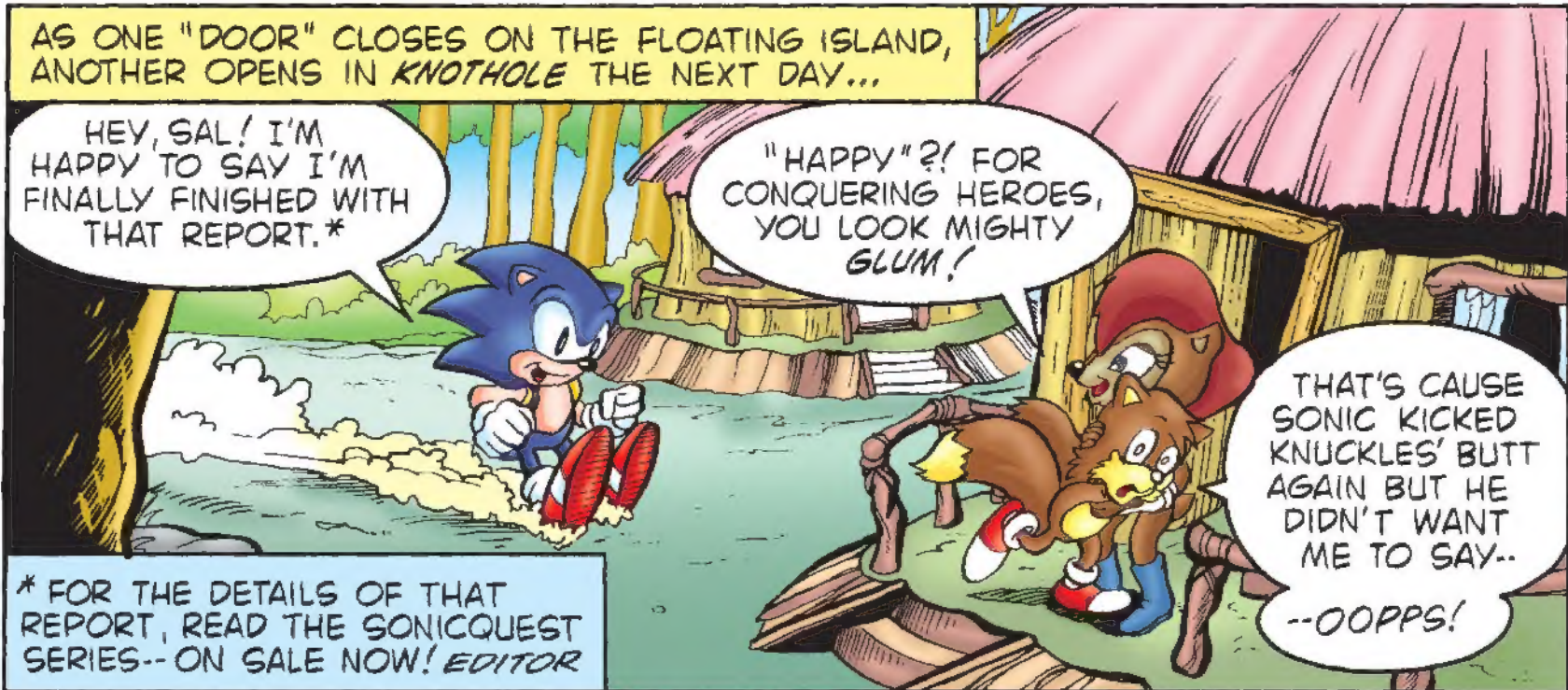
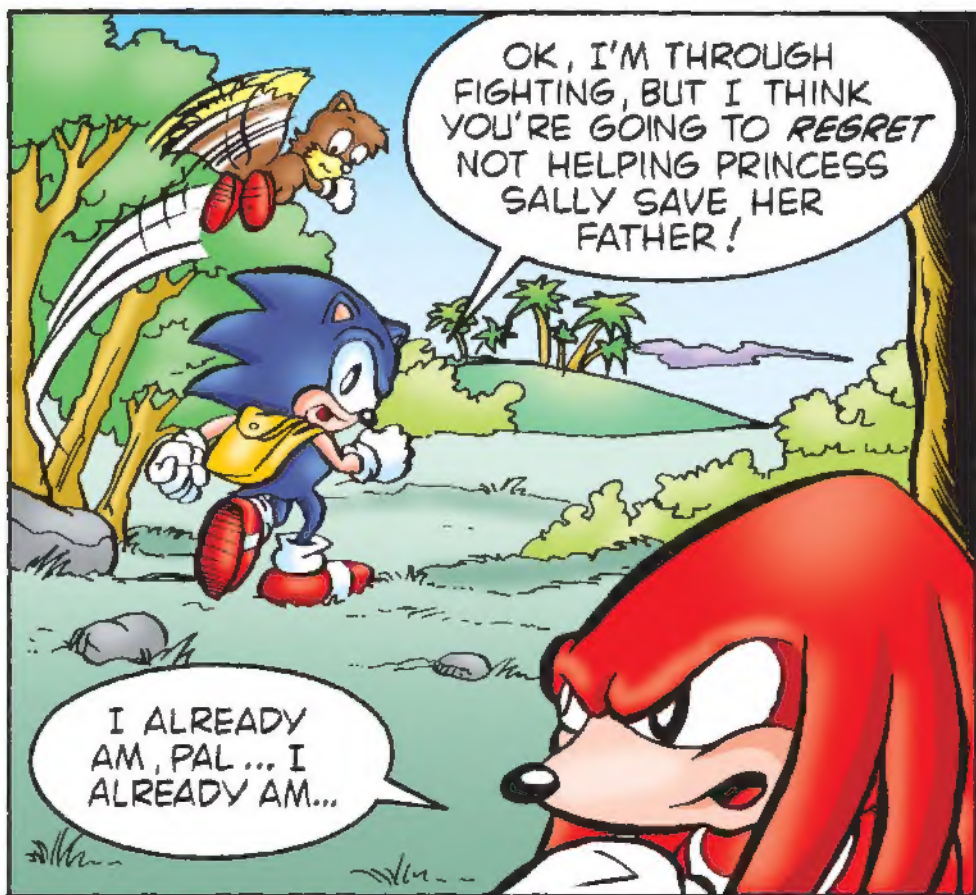
SORRY I WAS HASTY, BUT NOW YOU KNOW I'VE GOTTA HAVE THAT EMERALD!

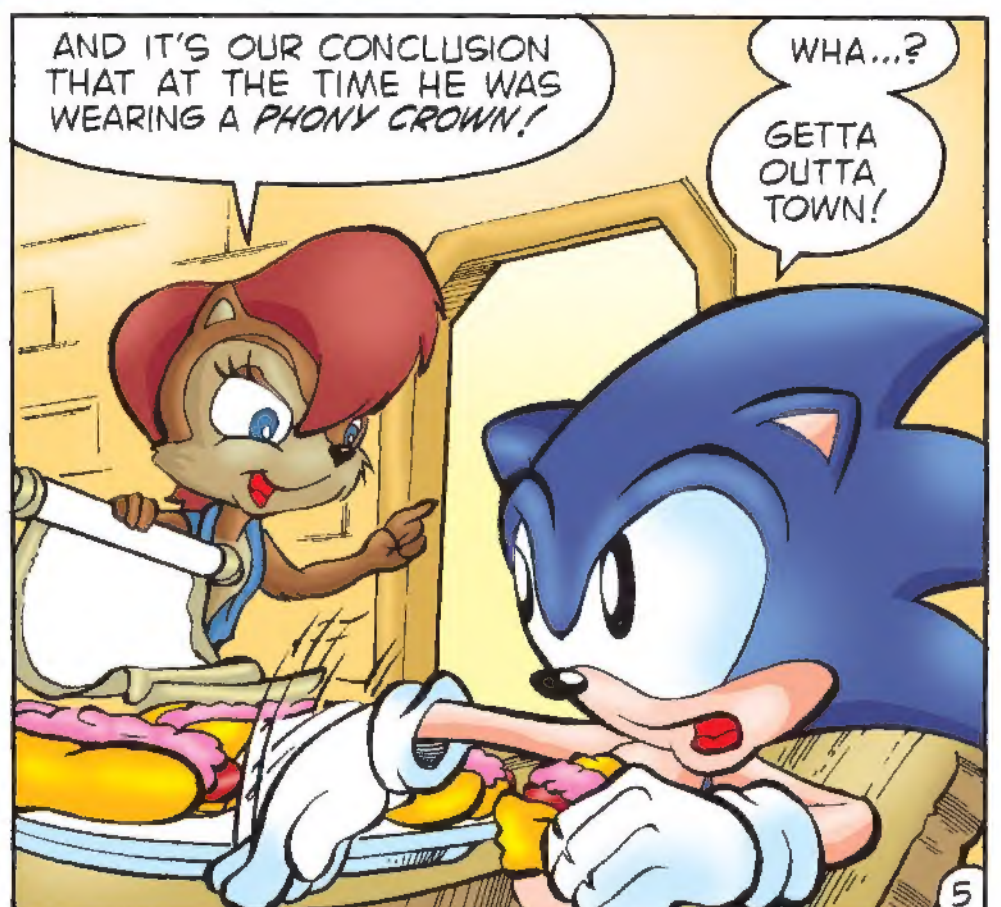
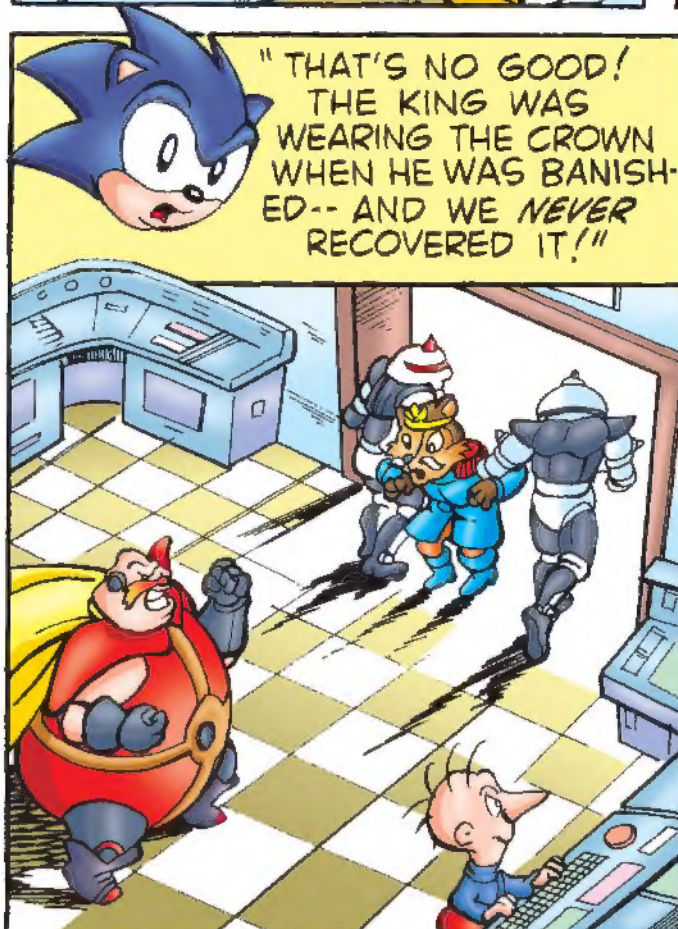
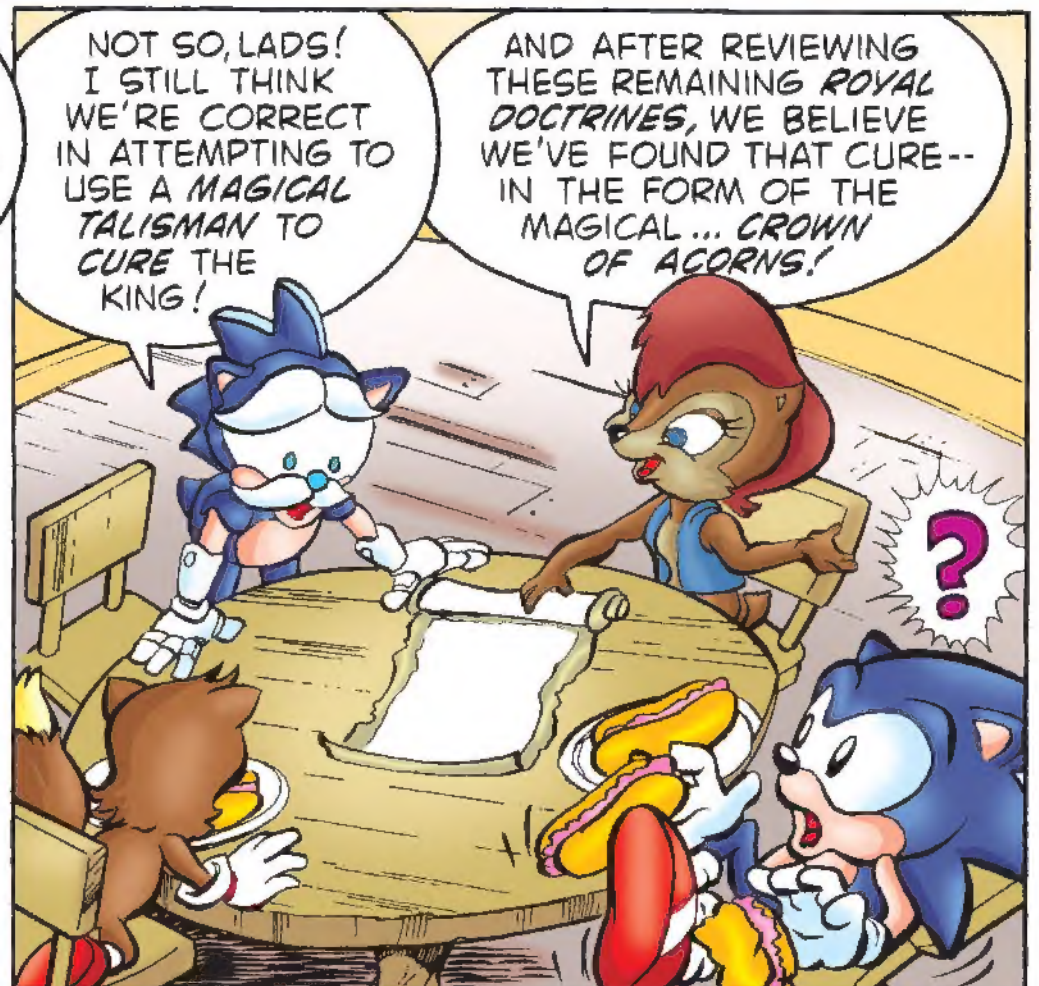
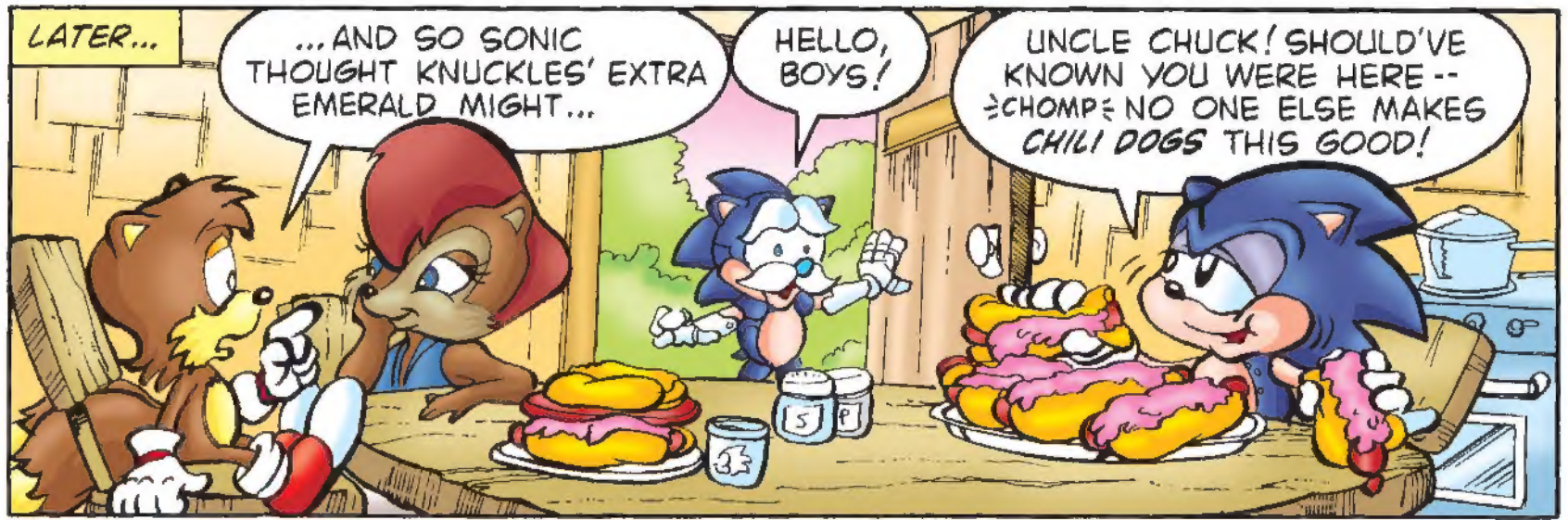
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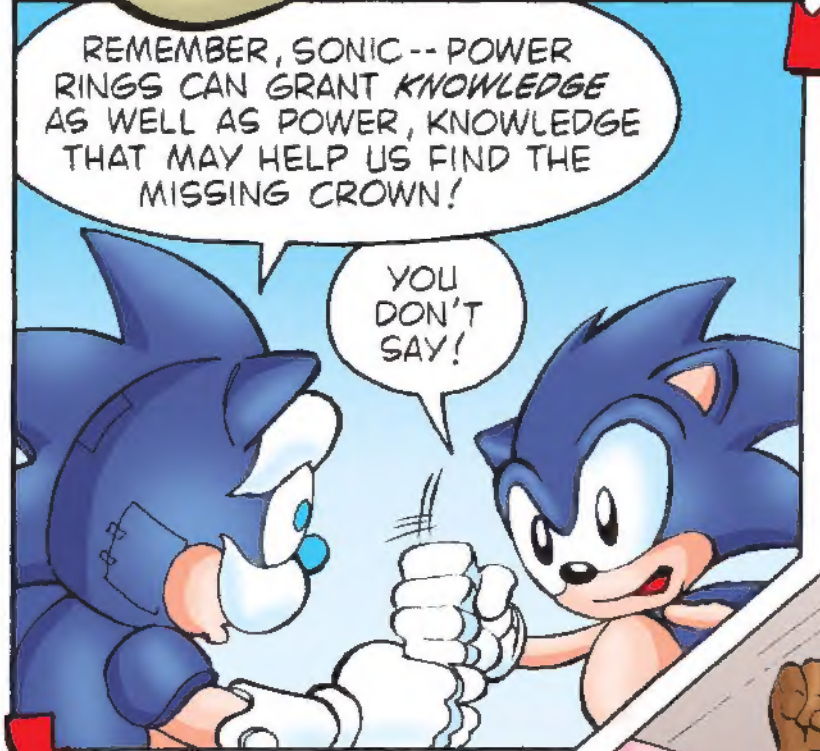
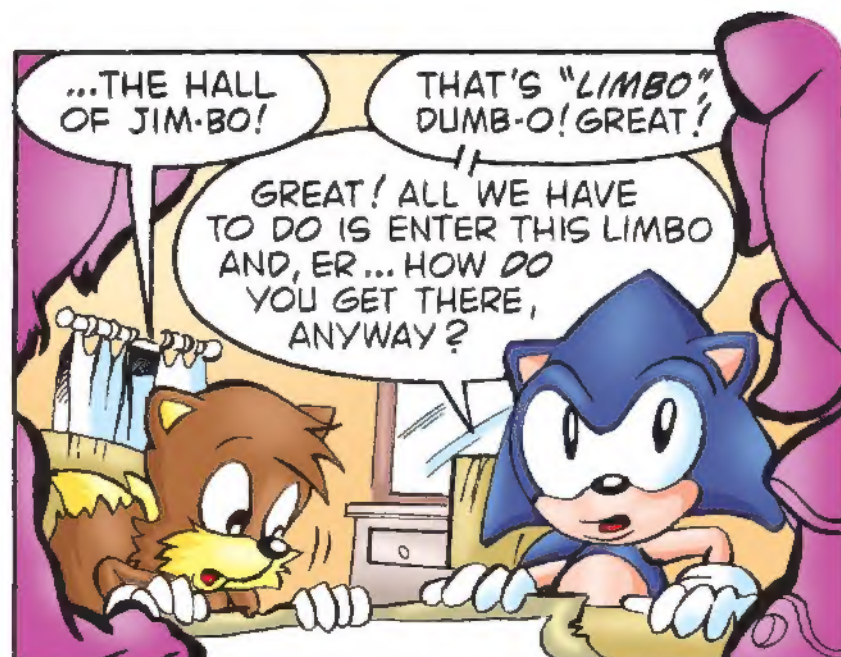
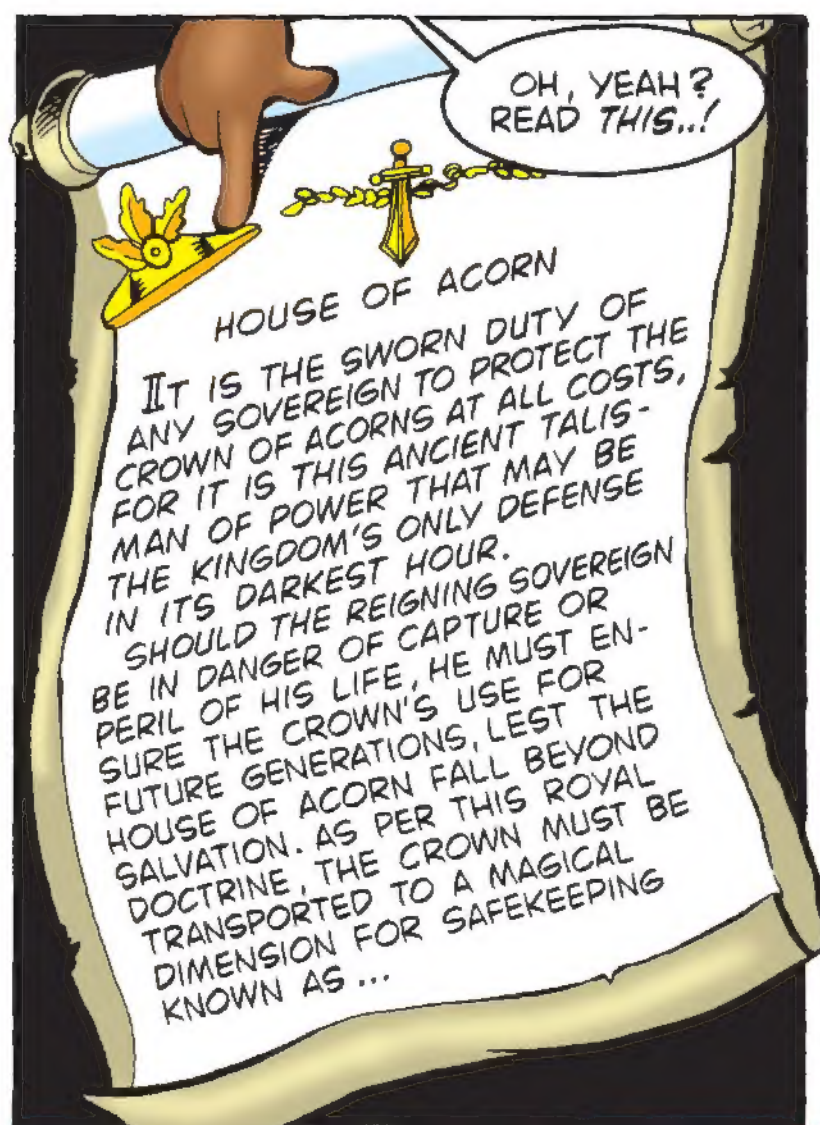
BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE KING FROM MY YOUTH...

IF IT'S POWER YOU NEED, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET MORE *RINGS* FROM THE *GROTTO*?

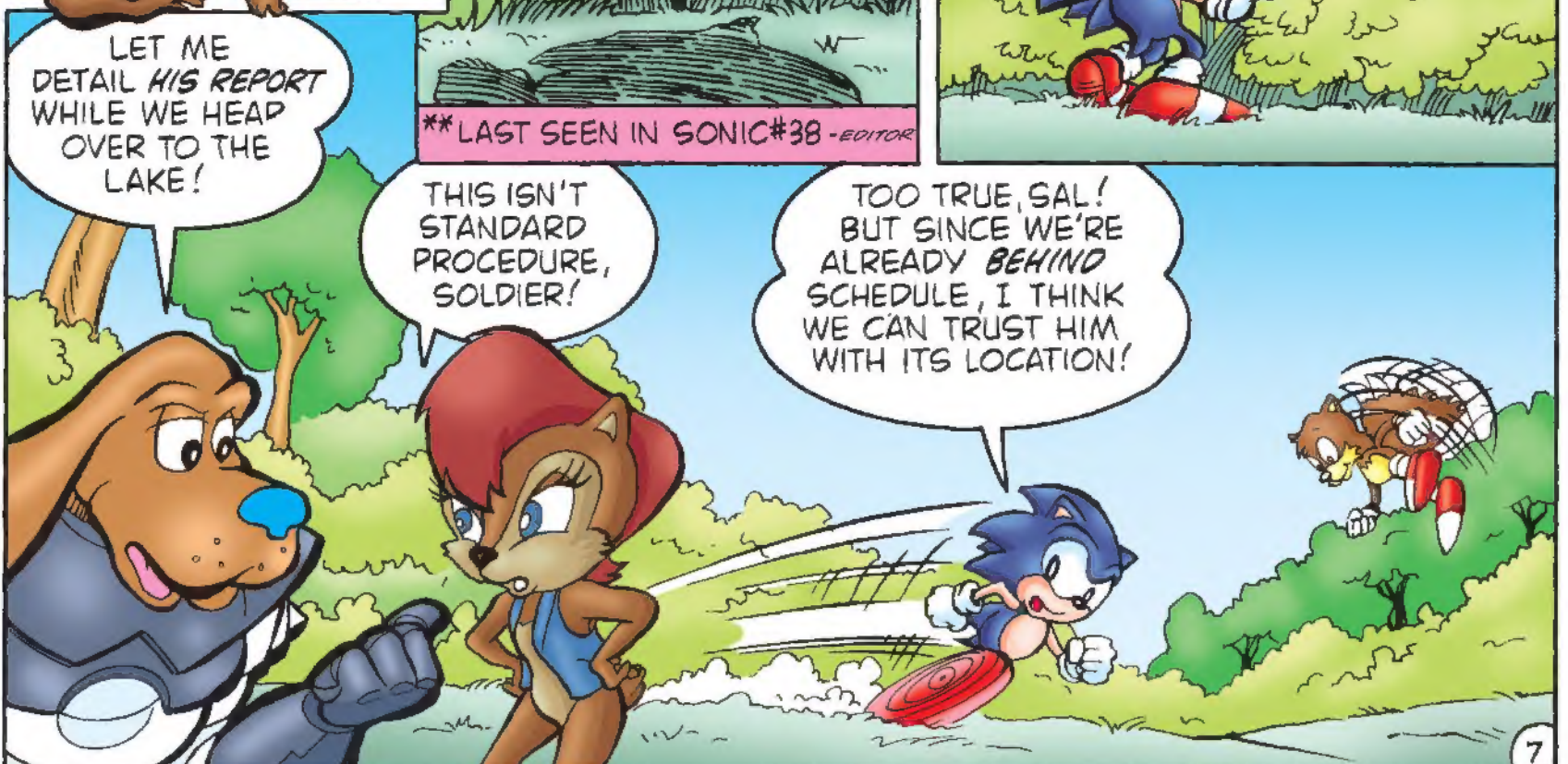
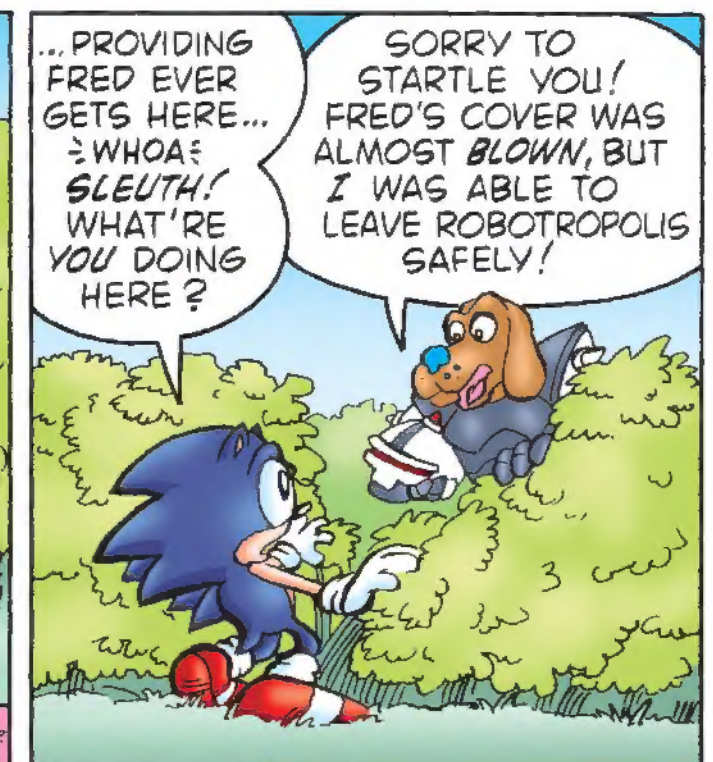
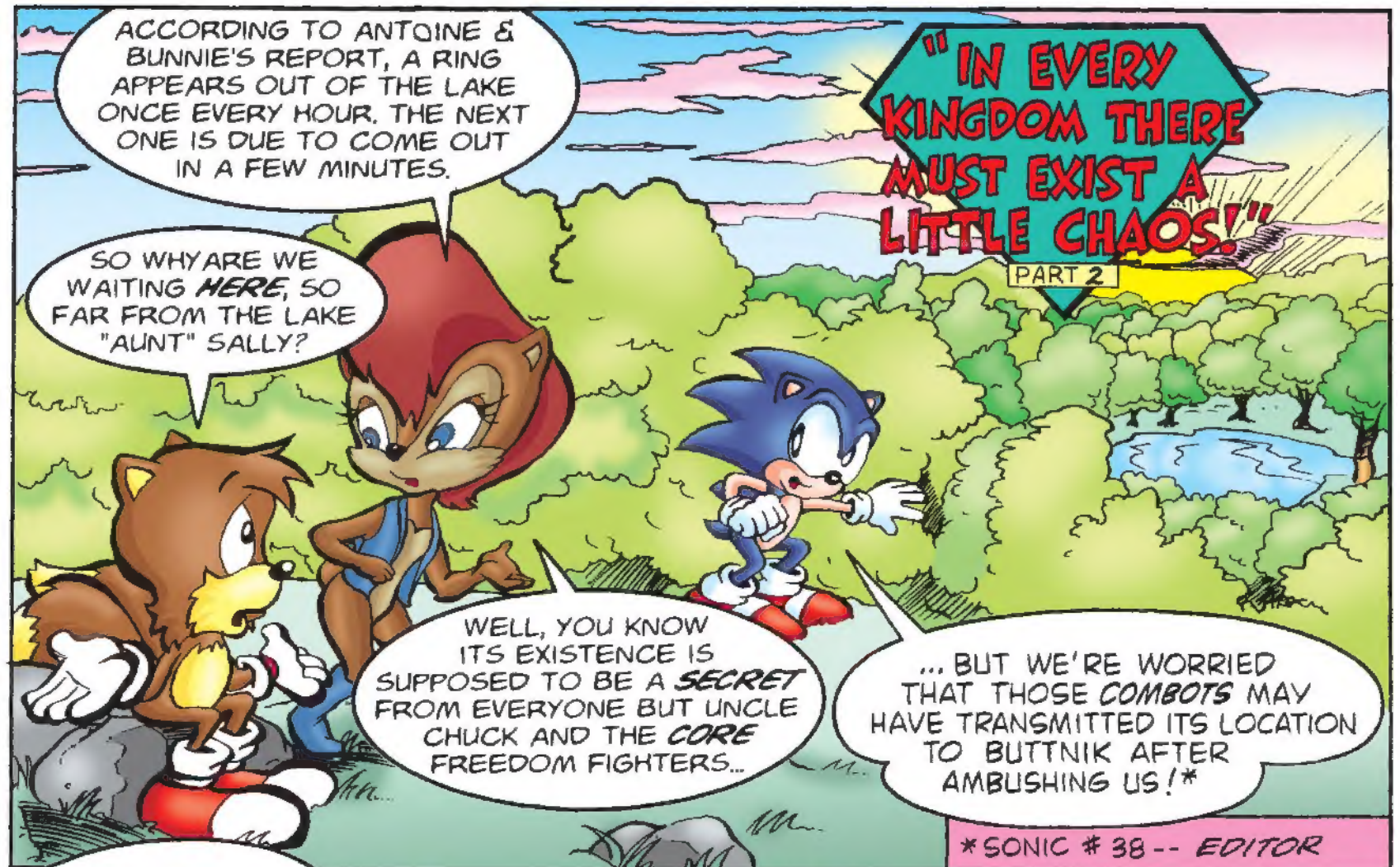
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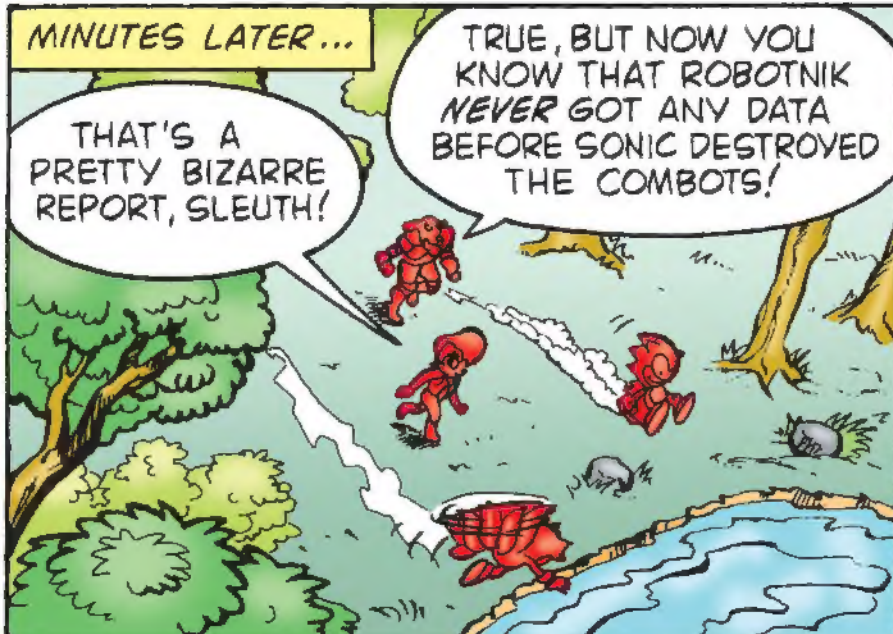


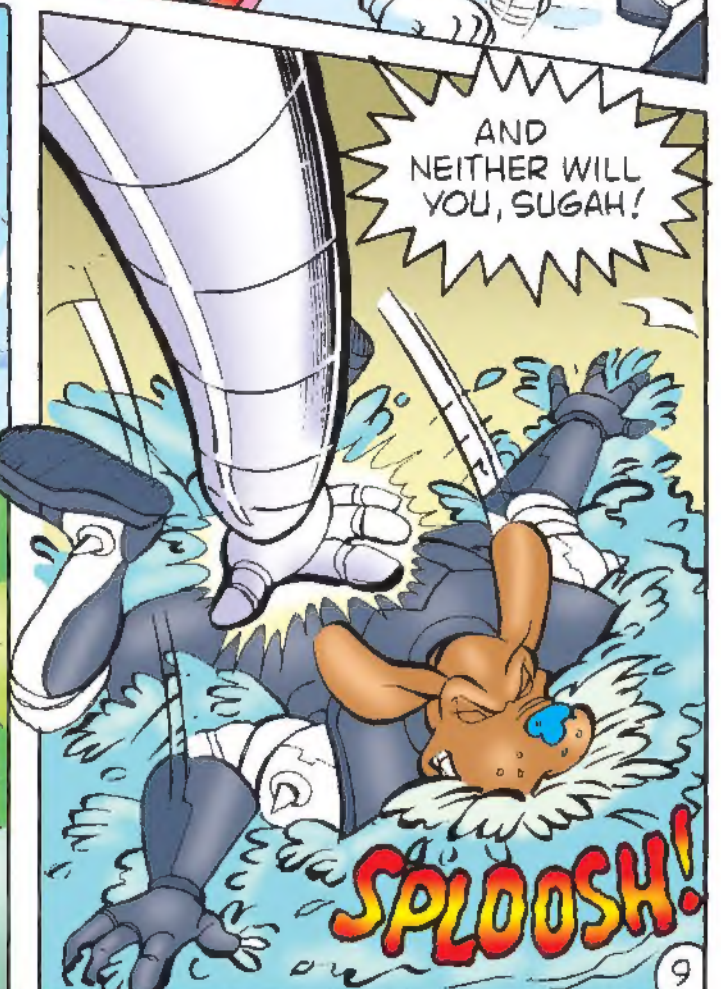
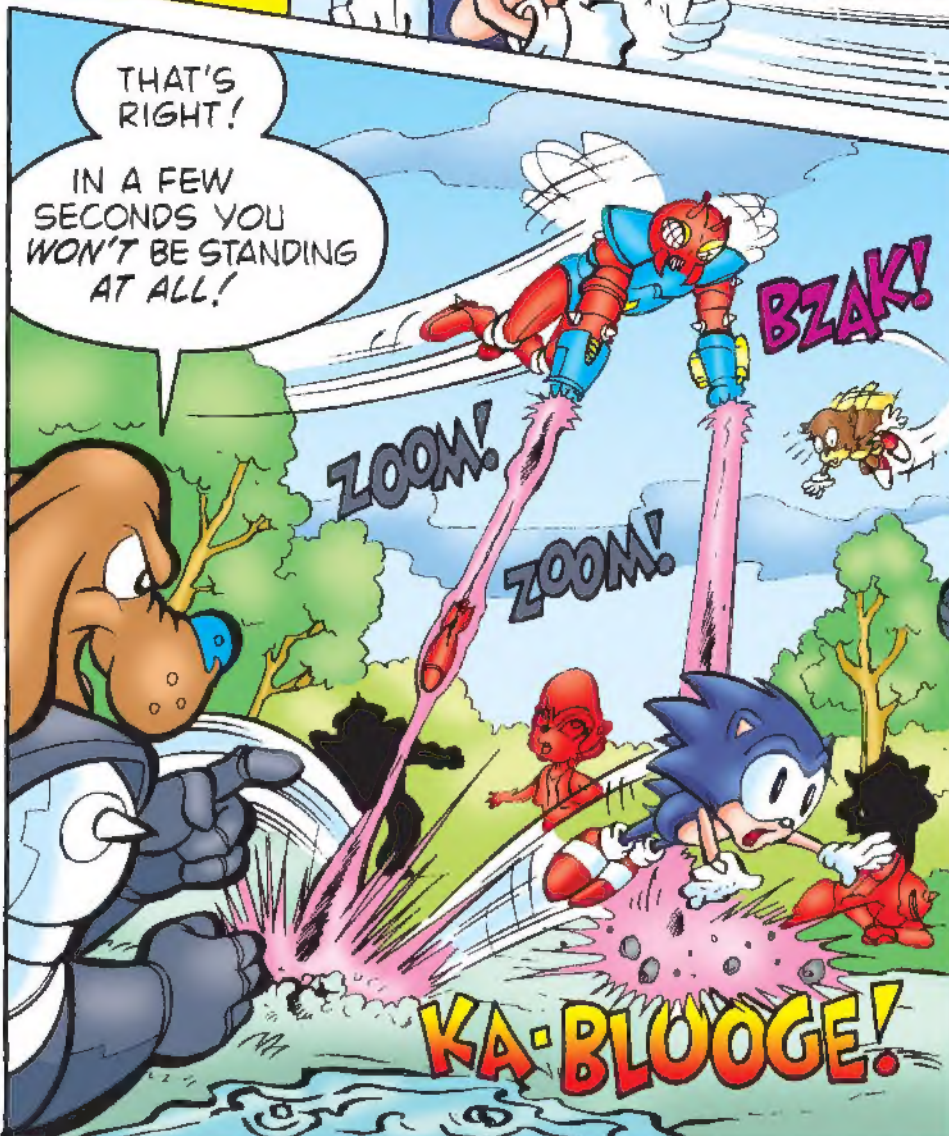
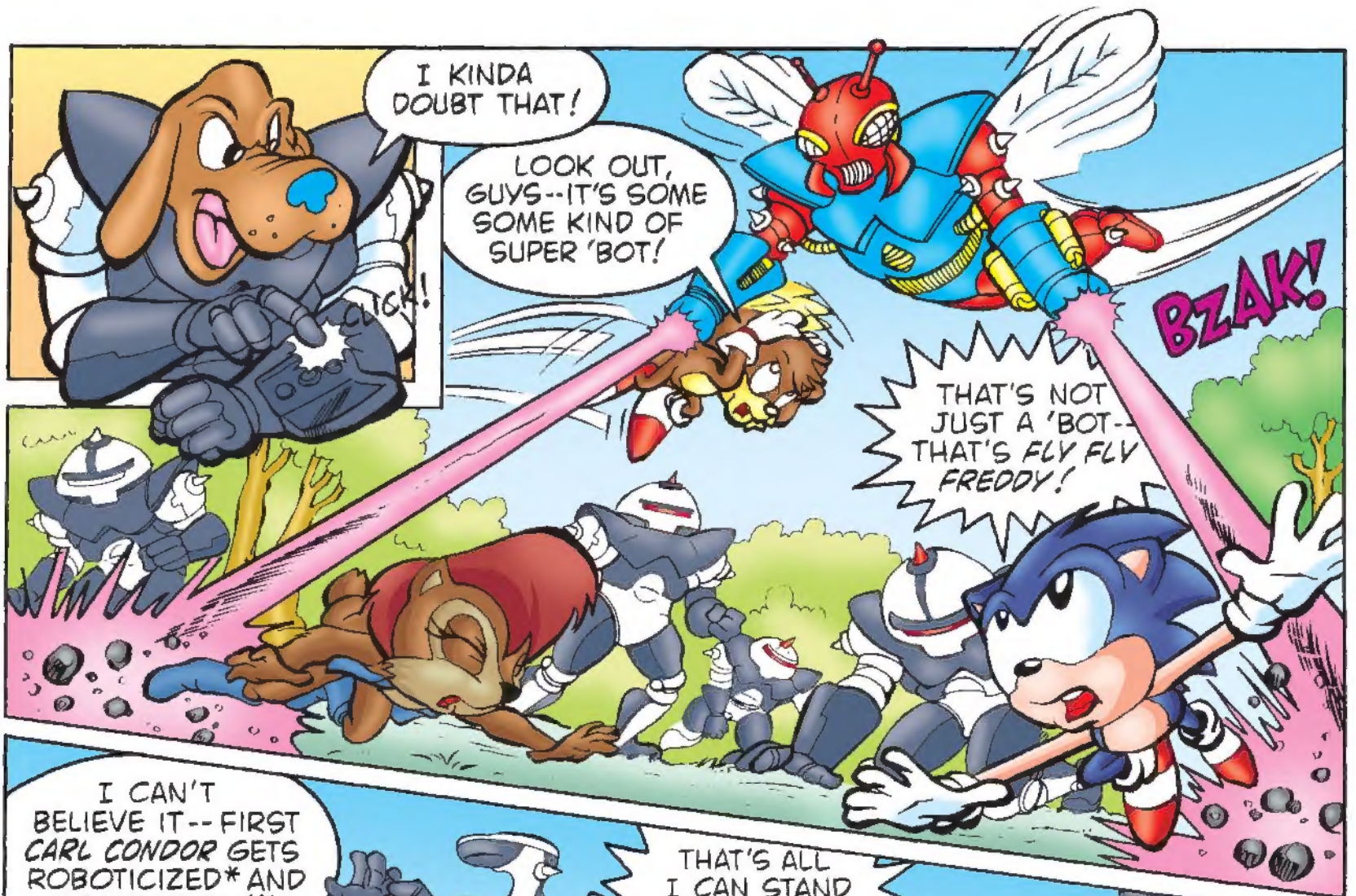


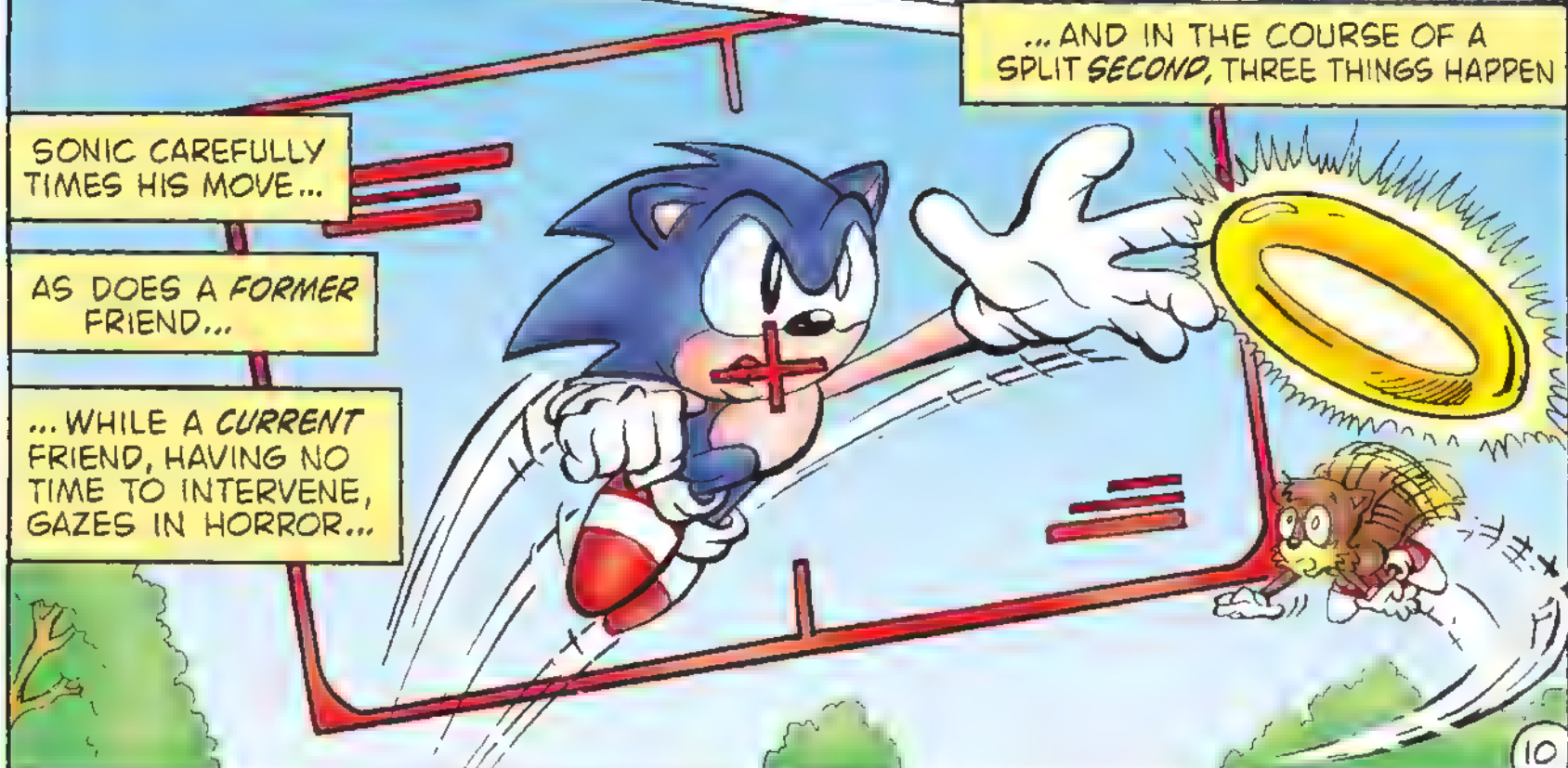
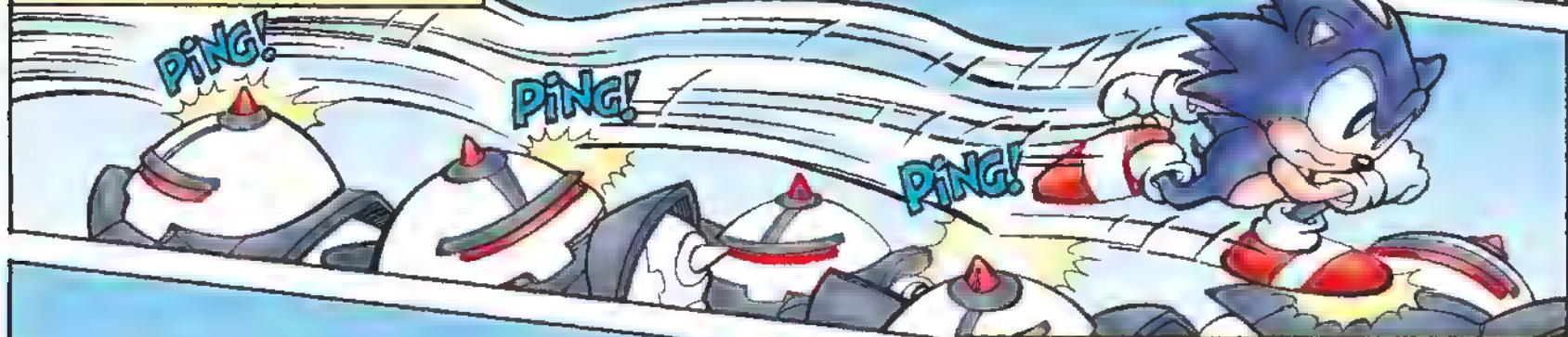
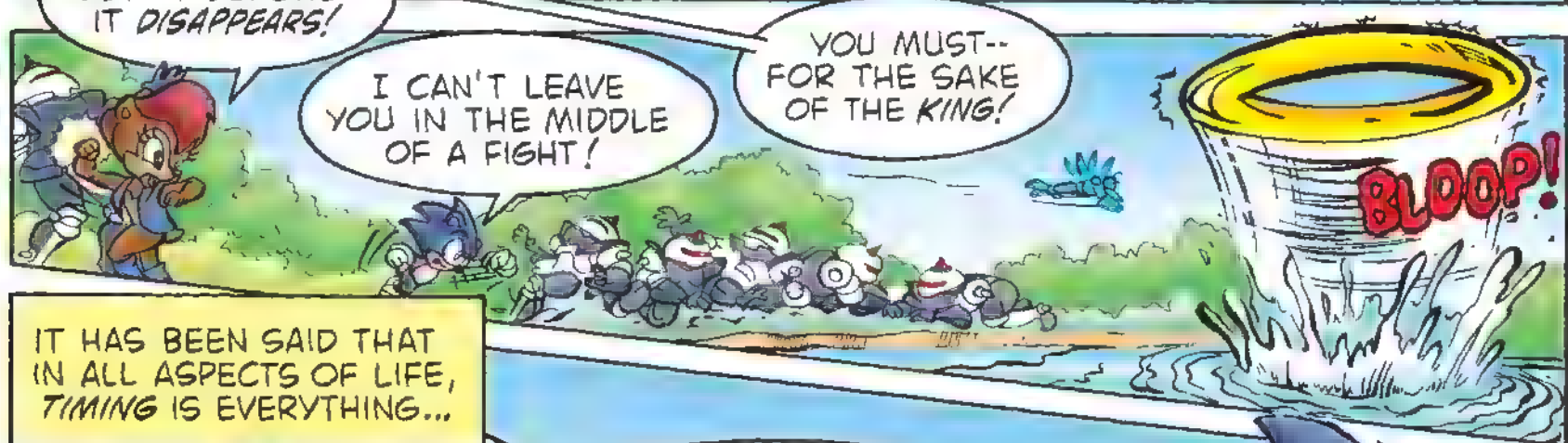
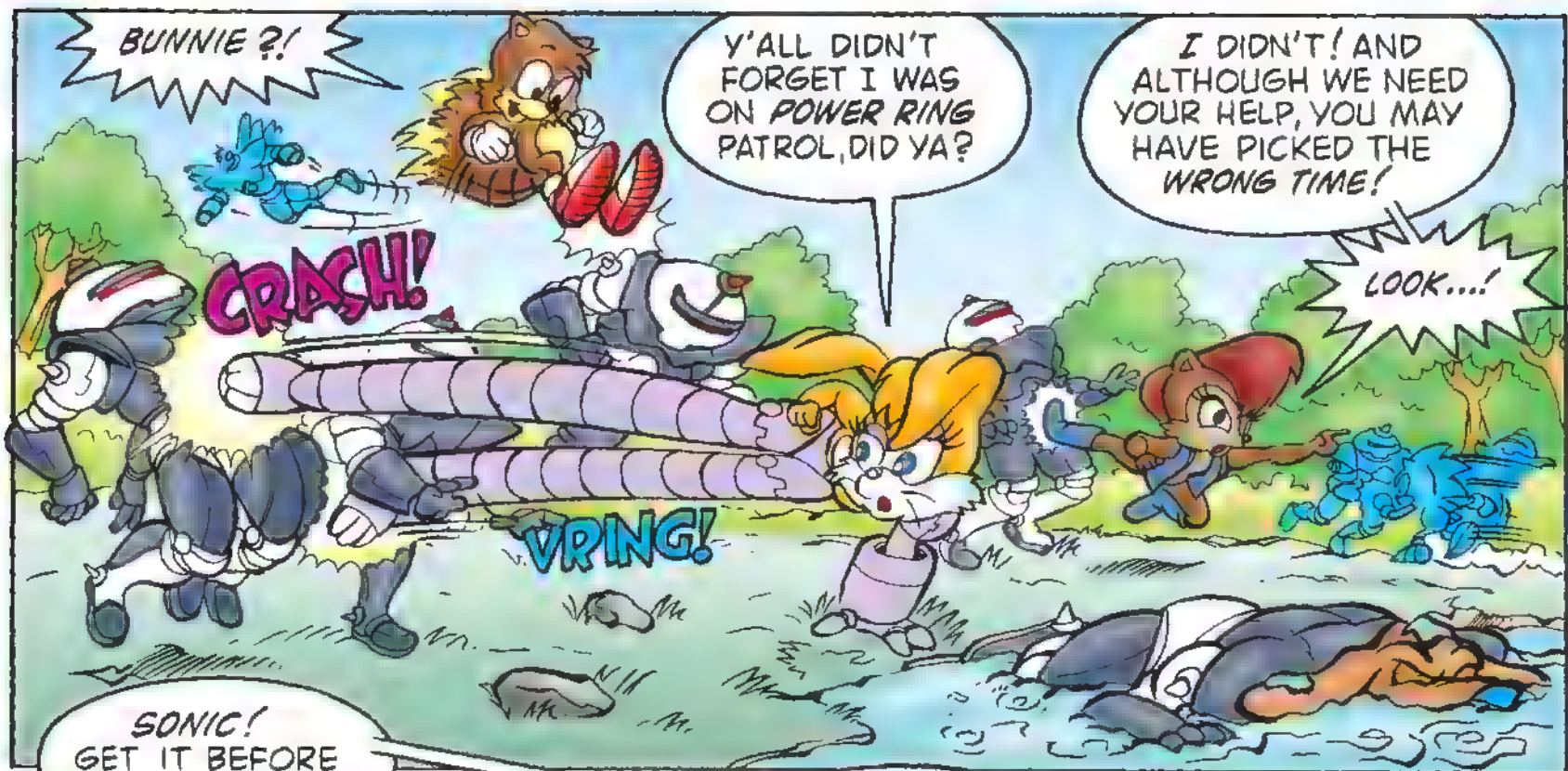


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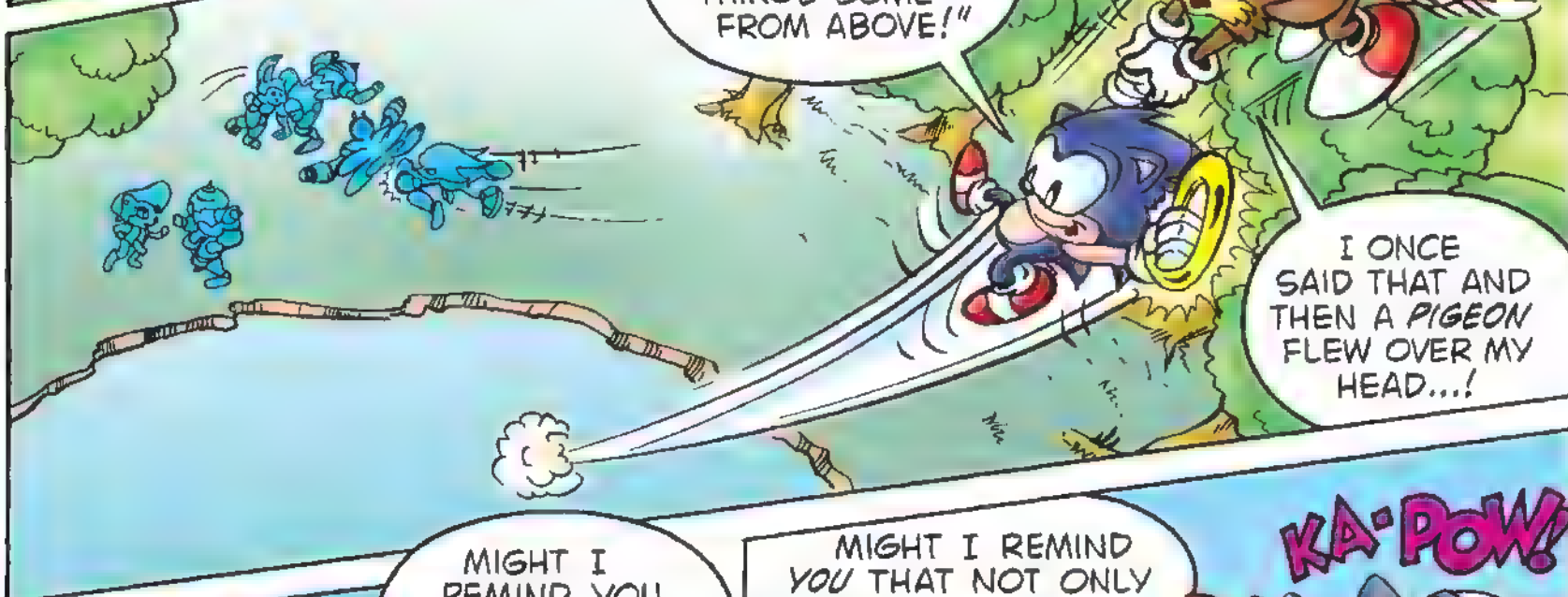
THANKFULLY, THE DAWNING OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS WELL-TIMED FOR THE NEXT SECOND WITH SONIC REAPING THE REWARDS!



FUNNY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

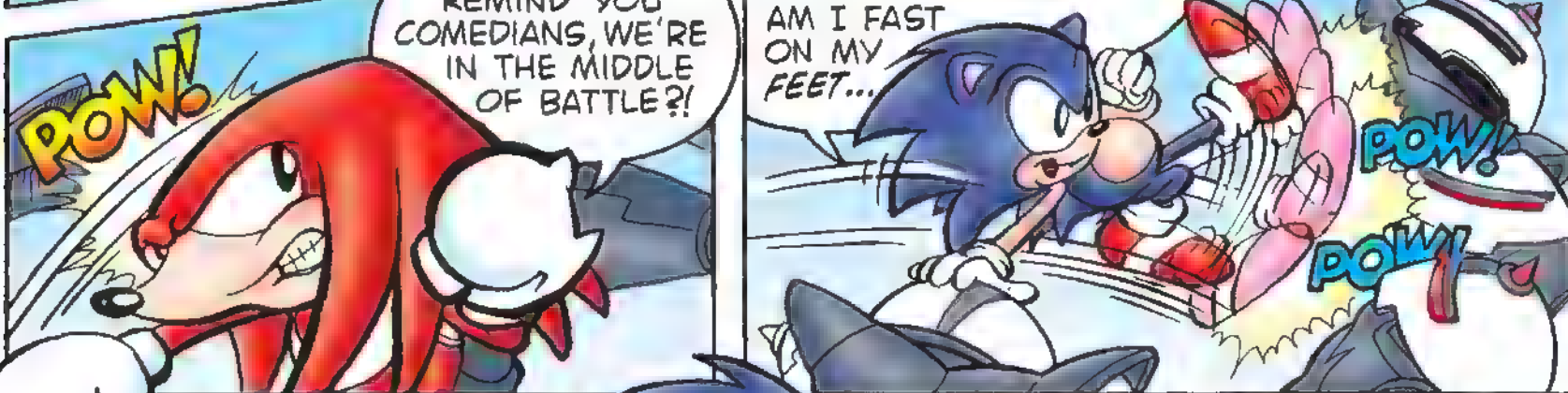
I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY-- "ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM ABOVE!"

I ONCE SAID THAT AND THEN A PIGEON FLEW OVER MY HEAD...!

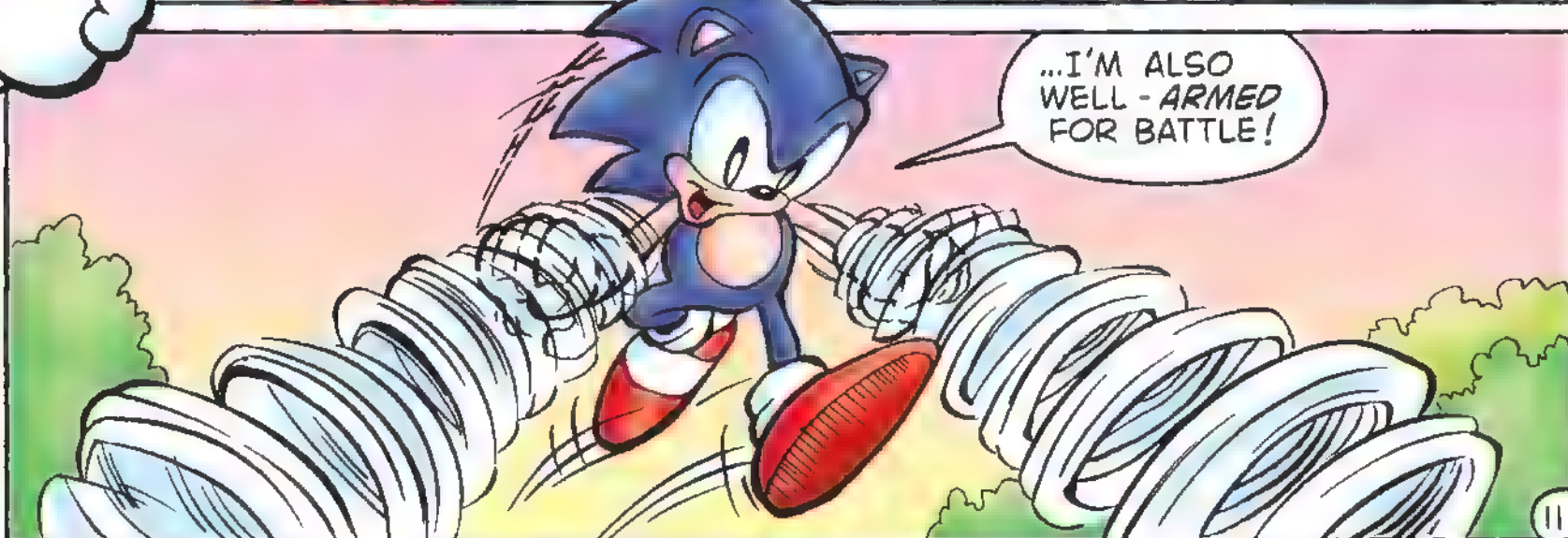


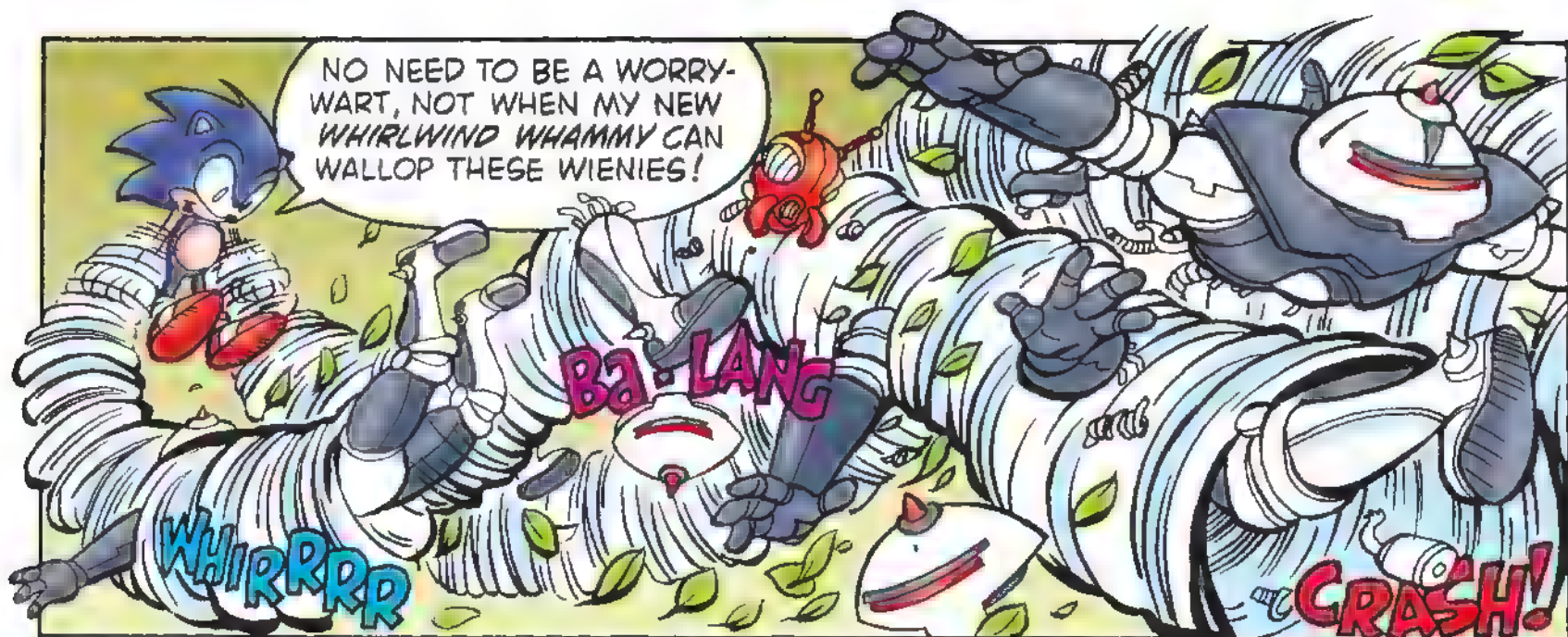
MIGHT I REMIND YOU COMEDIANS, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE?!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT NOT ONLY AM I FAST ON MY FEET...



...I'M ALSO WELL-ARMED FOR BATTLE!





SO, THIS IS
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL
KINGDOM OF ACORN?!

WAR SURE LEAVES
ITS SCARS!

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE NICKEL
TOUR LATER!

RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
YOU HERE?

"IN EVERY
KINGDOM THERE
MUST EXIST A
LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 3

THAT WAS MY
DOING, SONIC!

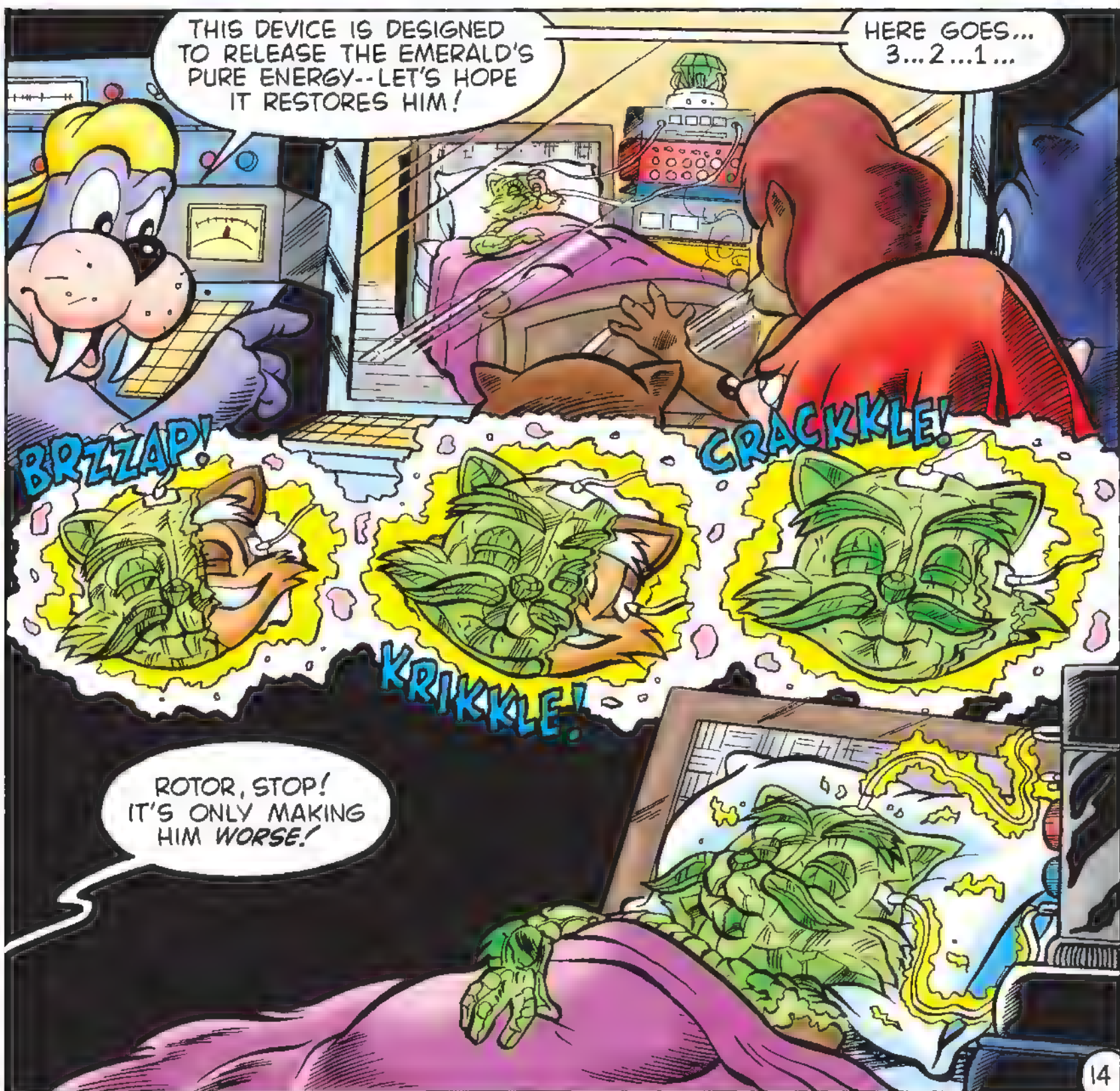
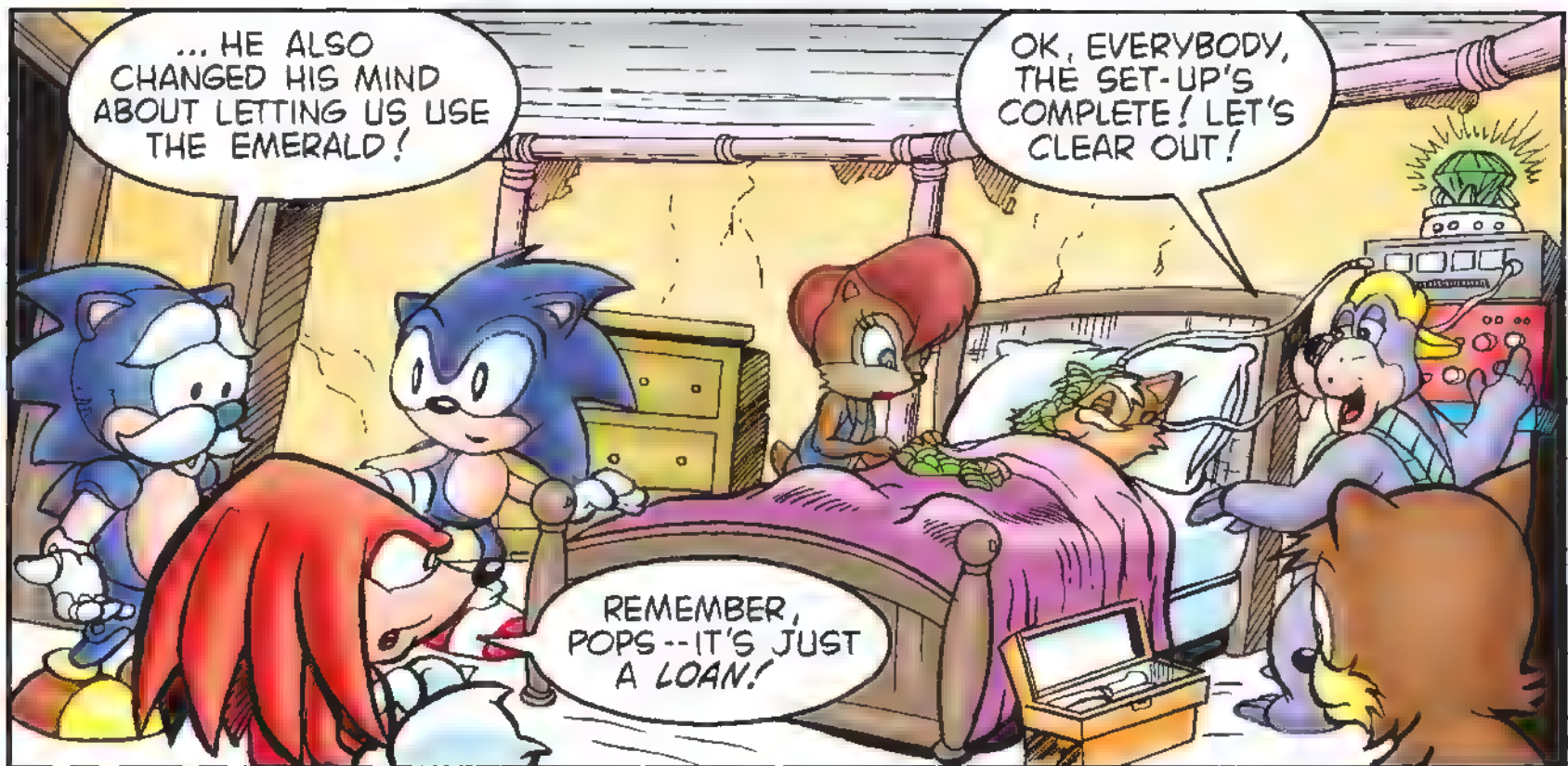
"FOR SOME TIME I'VE
SUSPECTED THERE MAY BE
A *DOUBLE AGENT* IN OUR
SPY NETWORK..."

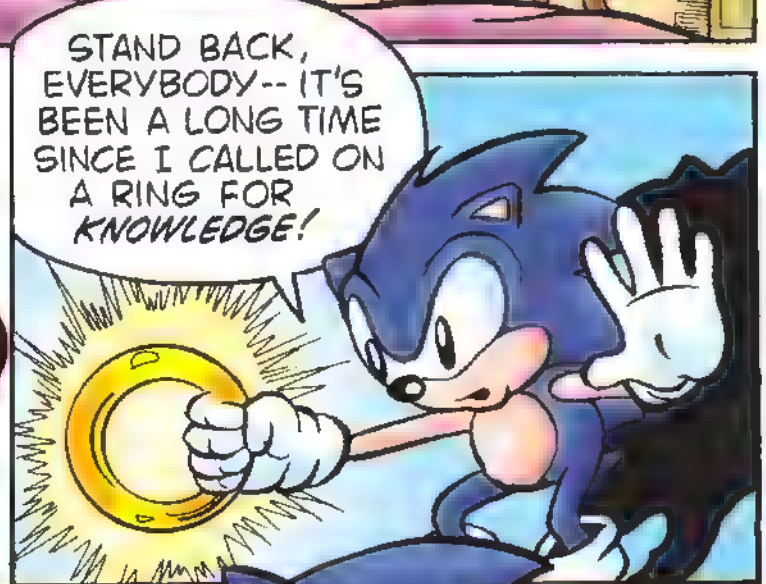
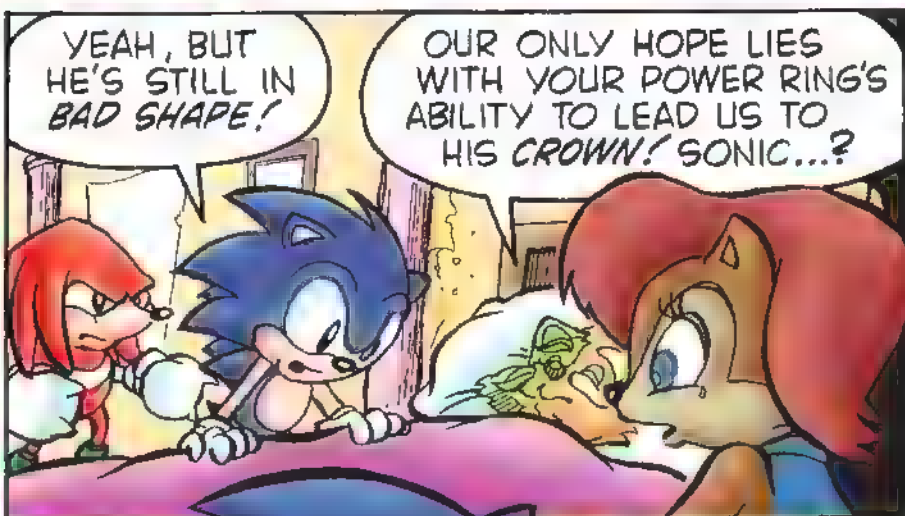
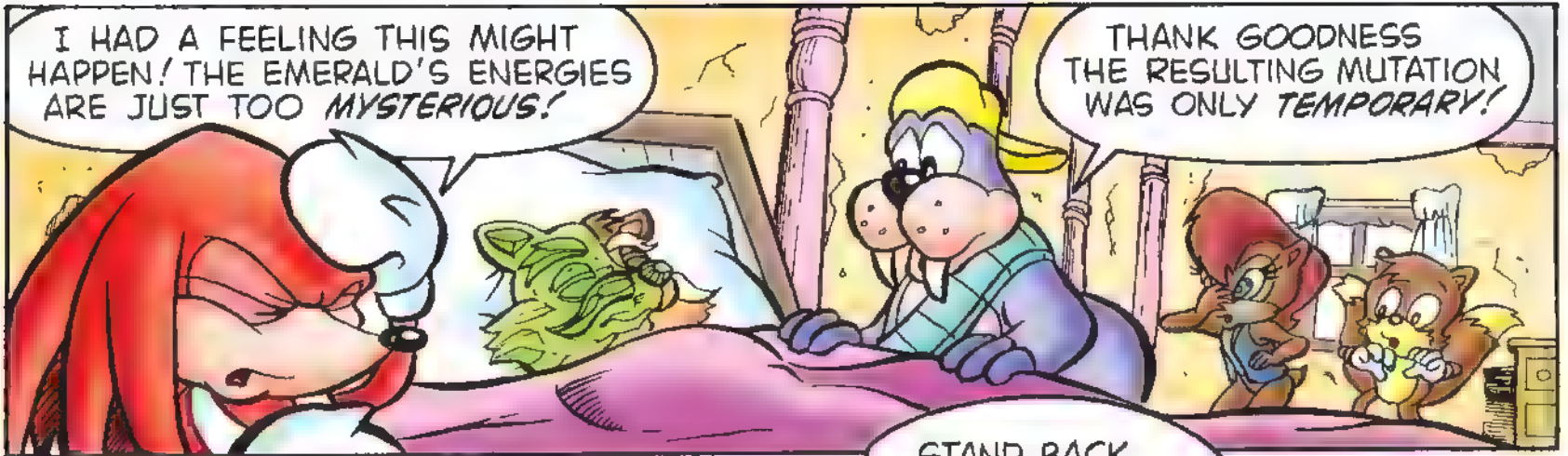
"... AND MY FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN
FRED FAILED TO REPORT FOR ORDERS..."

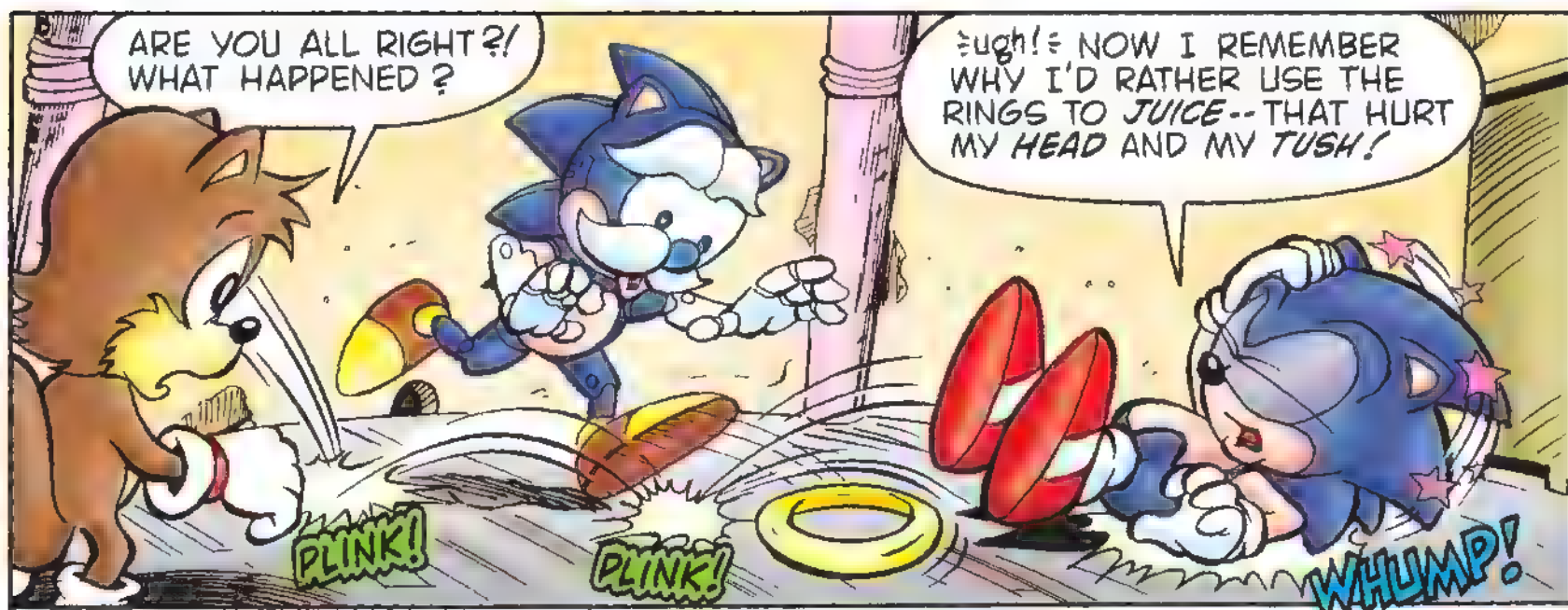
"NOT KNOWING WHO I COULD NOW
TRUST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CALL
ON *OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE*..."

"USING AN *OUTDATED* AND *UNTRACEABLE*
FREQUENCY, I RADIOED *KNUCKLES*..."

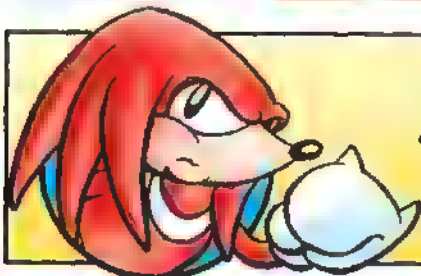
"NOT ONLY DID HE
AGREE TO HELP..."







KNUCKLES QUEST BEGINS THIS ISSUE! FLIP THE PAGES AND ENJOY!



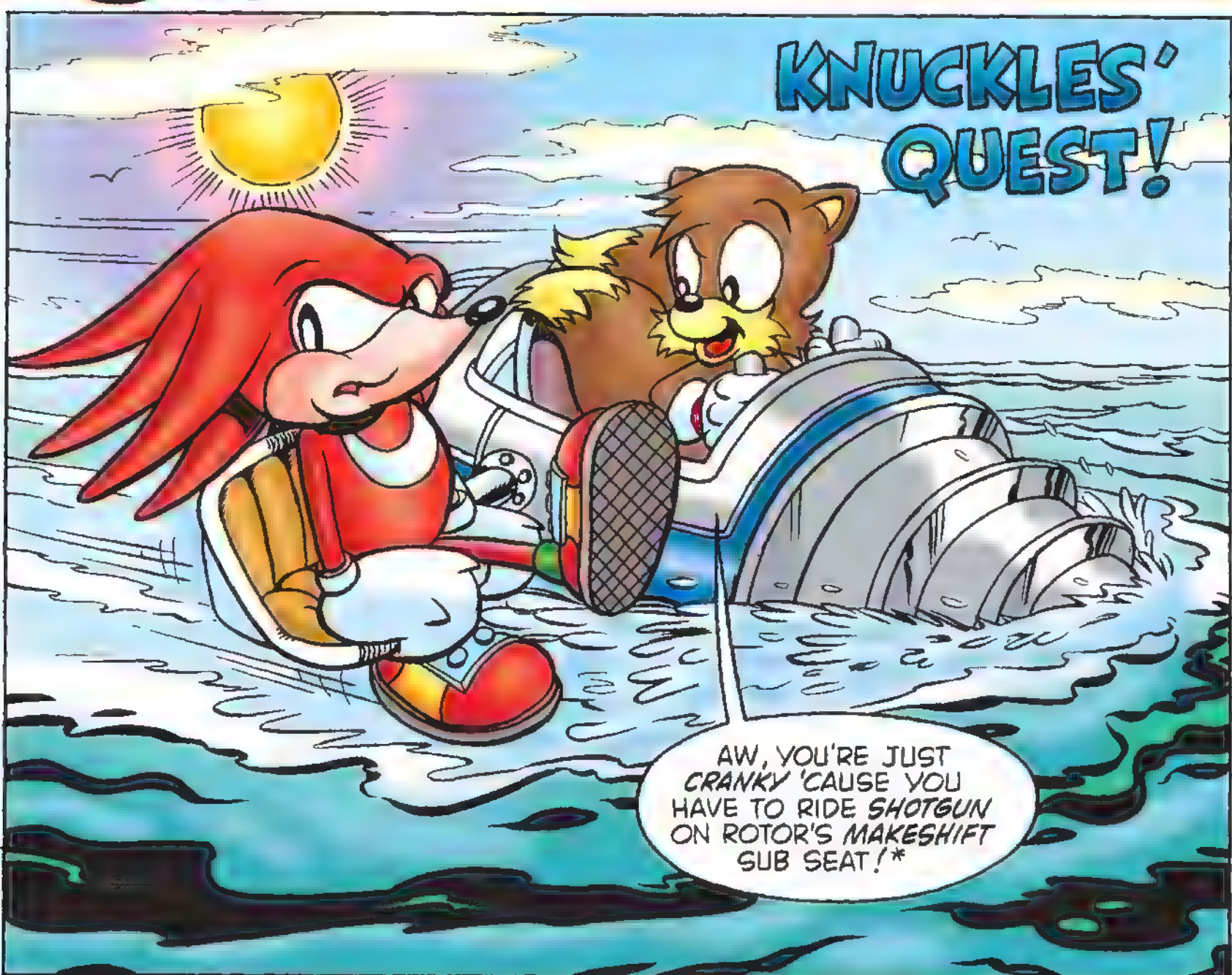
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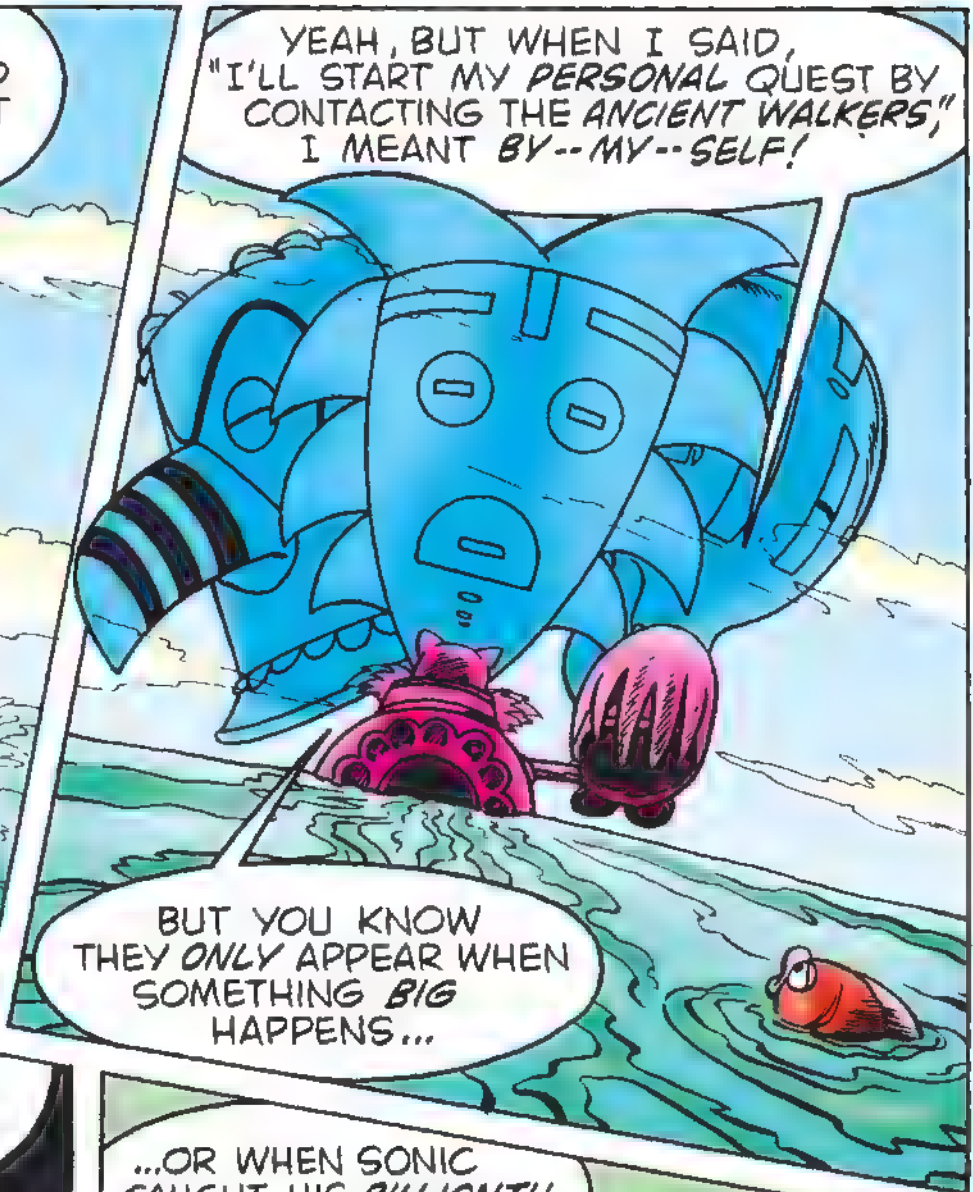
KNUCKLES' QUEST!



*EVERYONE REMEMBER THE SEA FOX FROM TAILS' MINI-SERIES? -EDITOR



BESIDES, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IF I'M GOING TO FIND A MAGIC SWORD, I BETTER START BY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT SOURCE OF MAGIC!"



YEAH, BUT WHEN I SAID, "I'LL START MY PERSONAL QUEST BY CONTACTING THE ANCIENT WALKERS," I MEANT BY--MY--SELF!

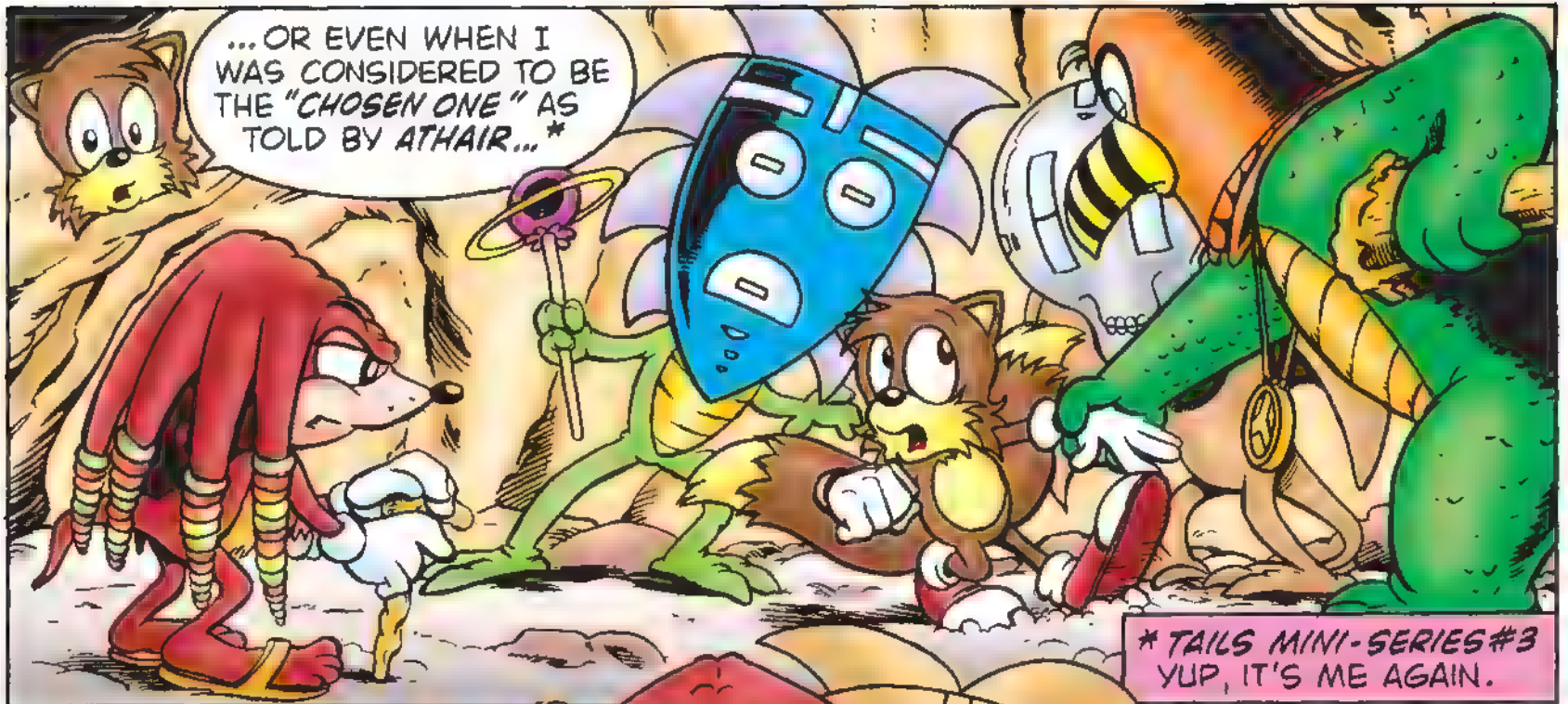
BUT YOU KNOW THEY ONLY APPEAR WHEN SOMETHING BIG HAPPENS...



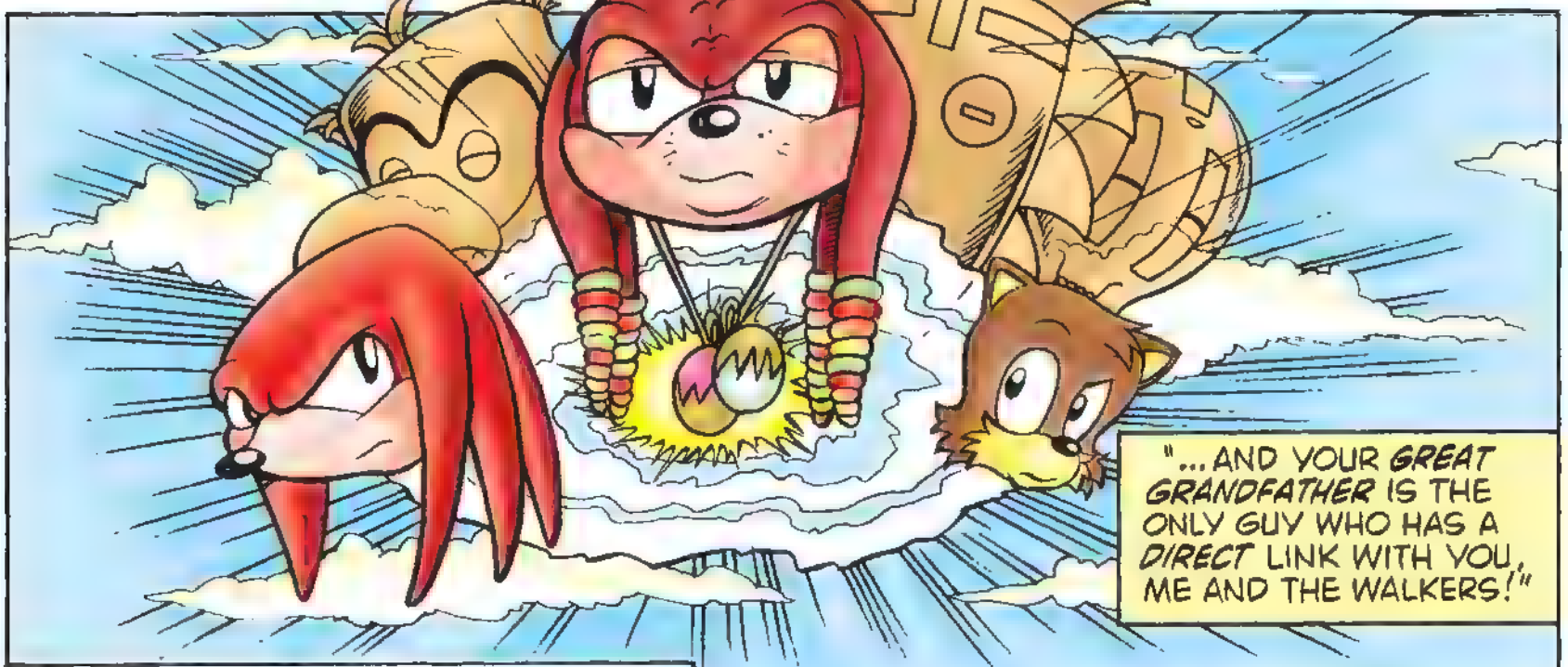
...LIKE THE TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ECHIDNA HEAVEN...*



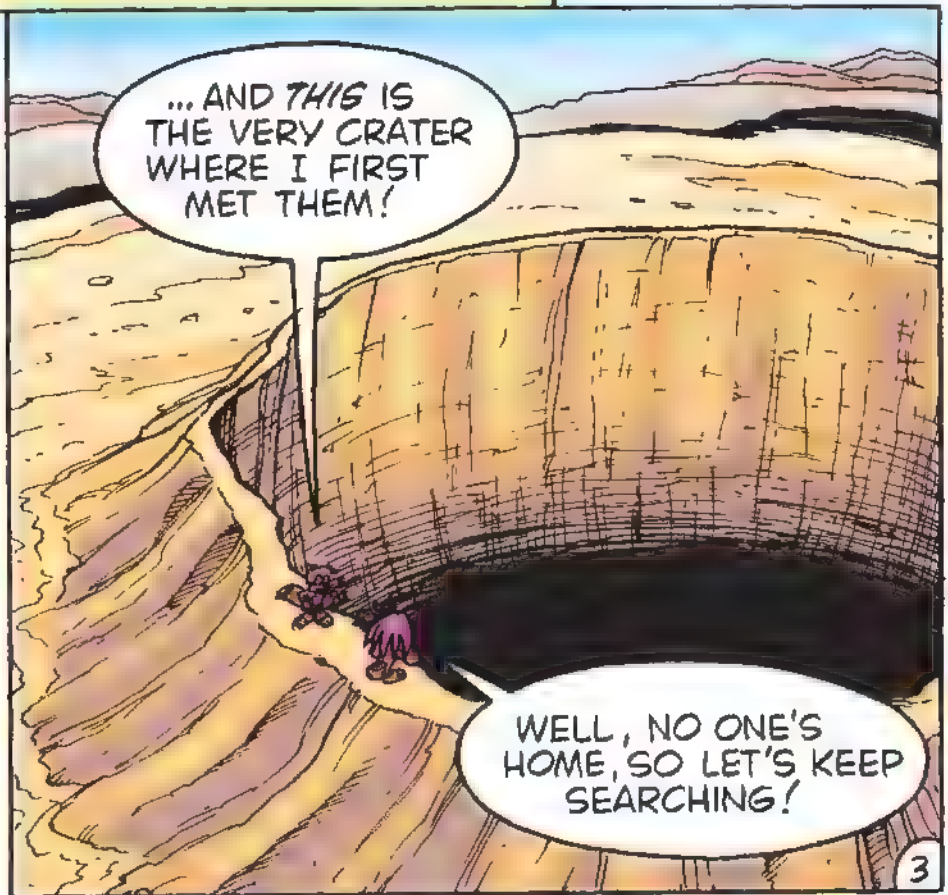
...OR WHEN SONIC CAUGHT HIS BILLIONTH POWER RING...*

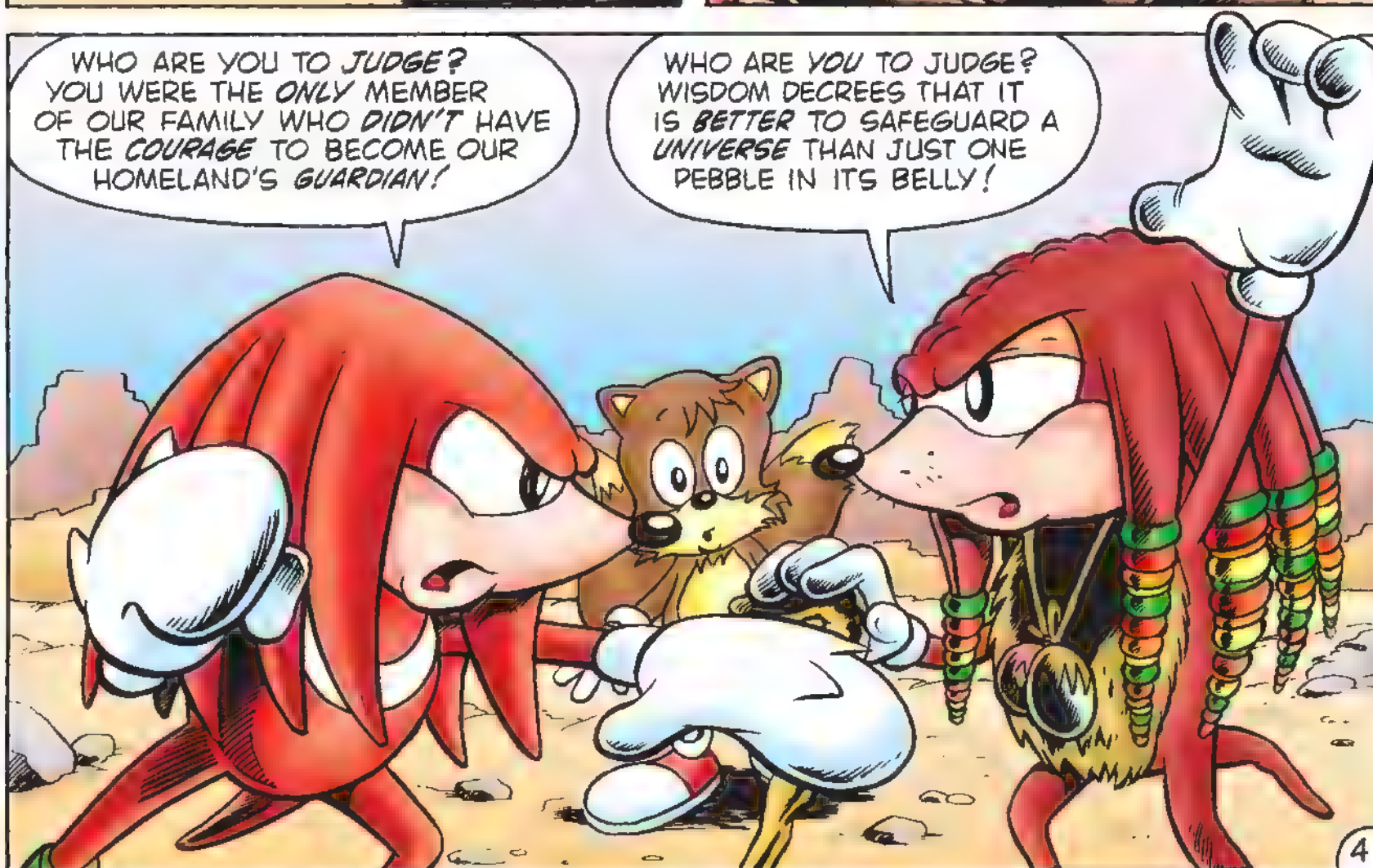
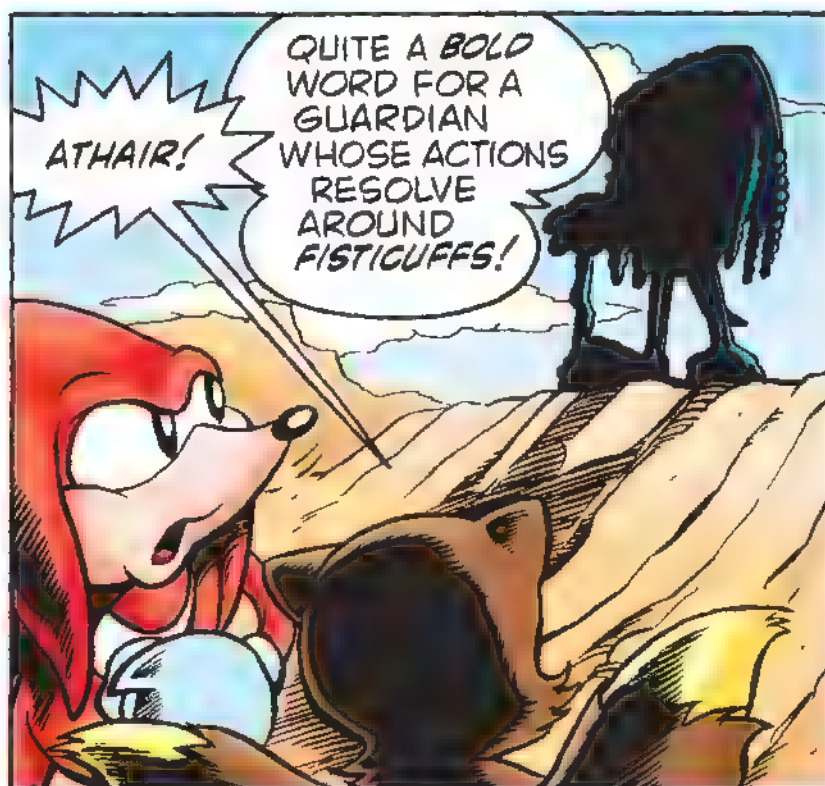
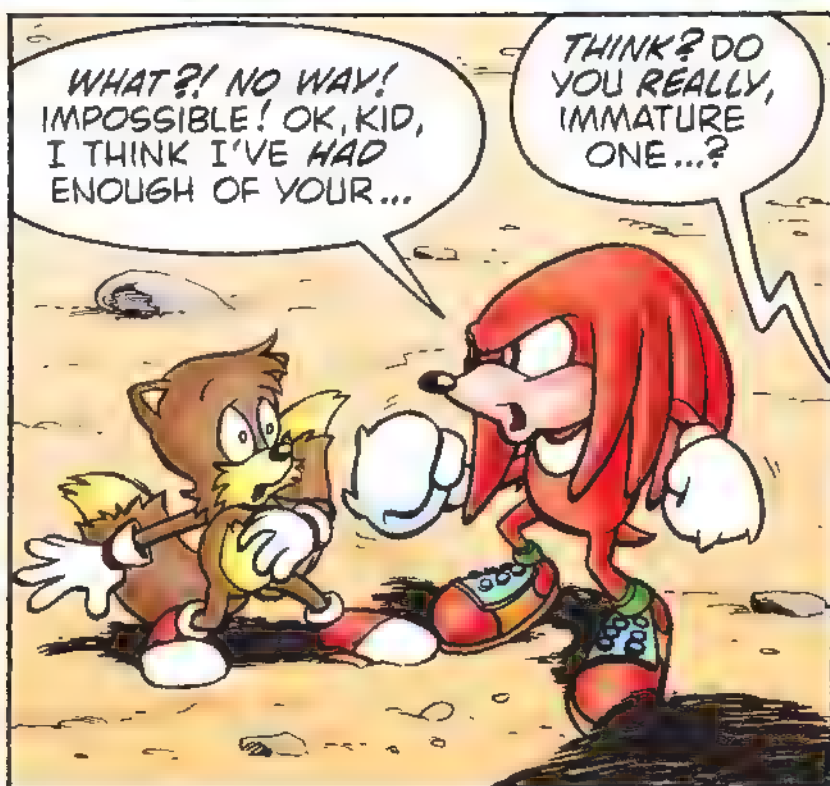
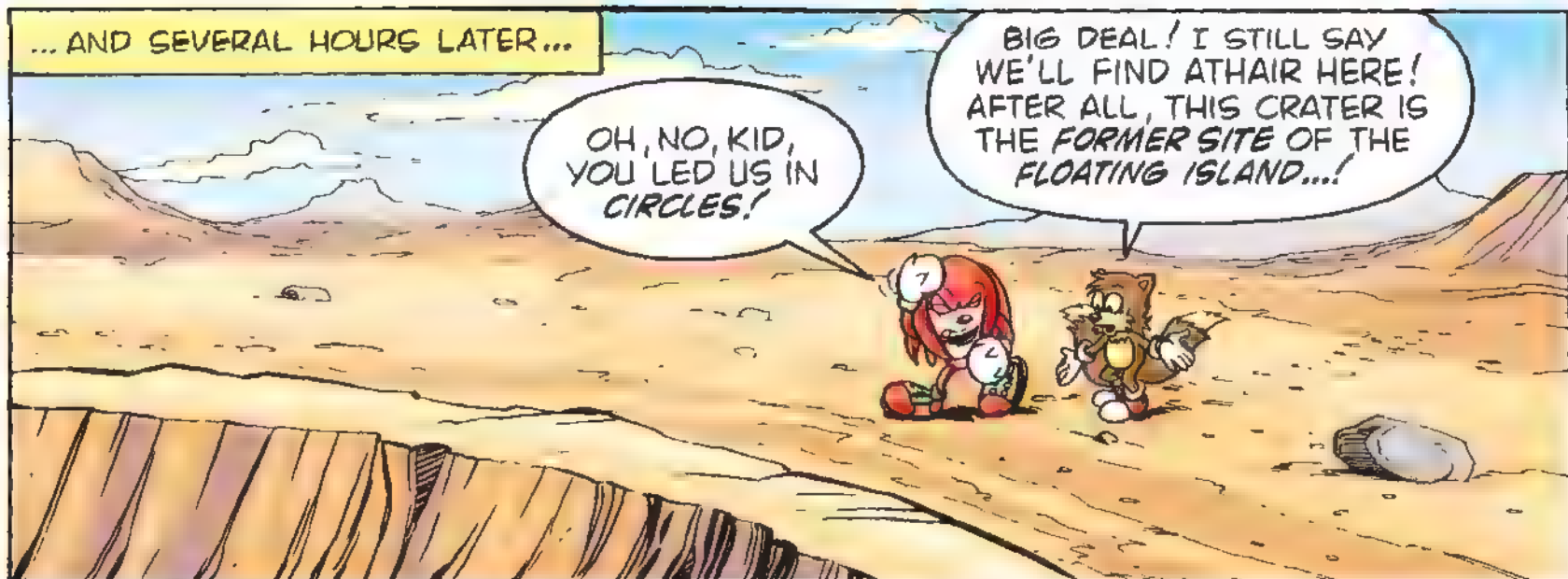


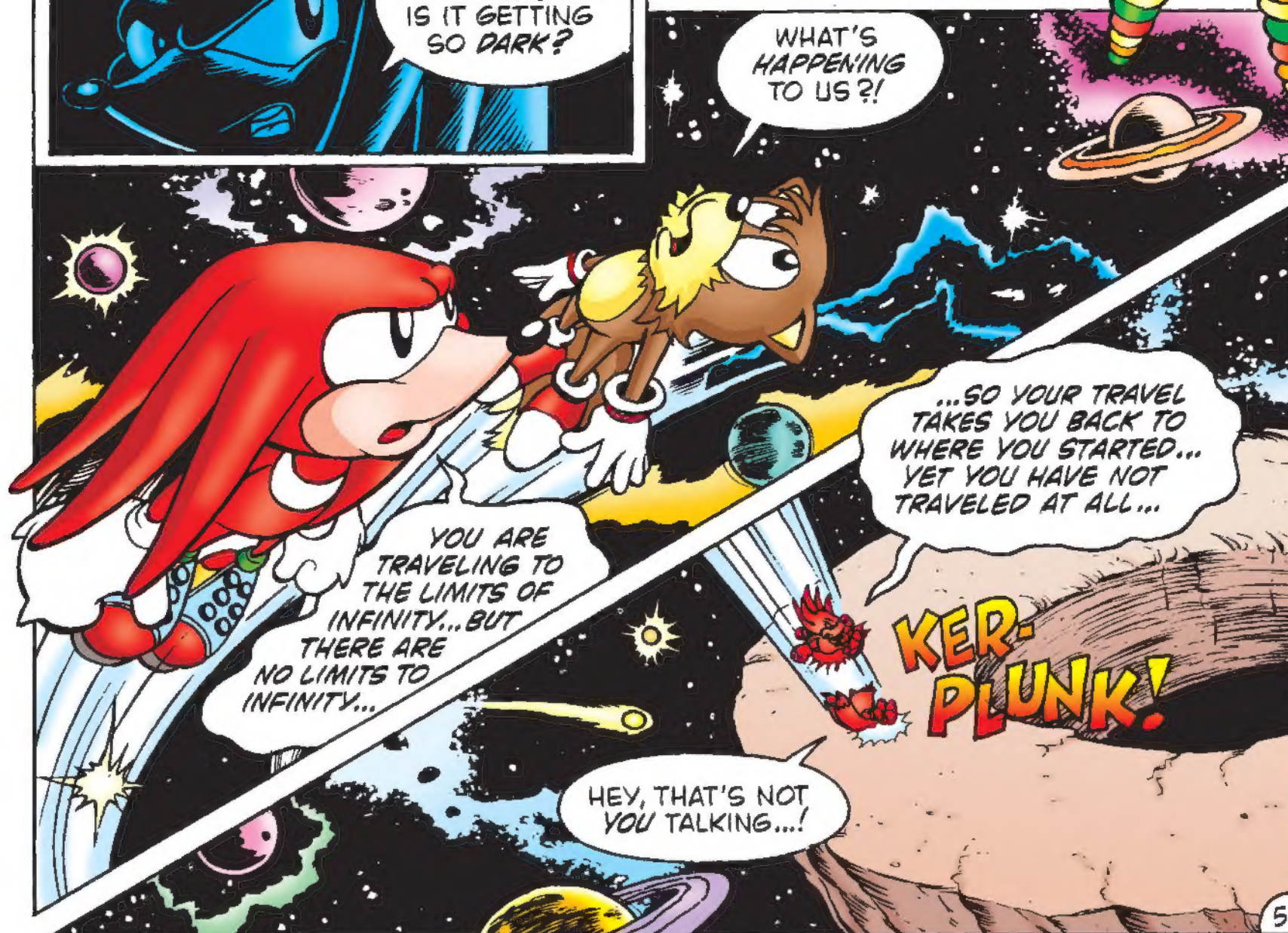
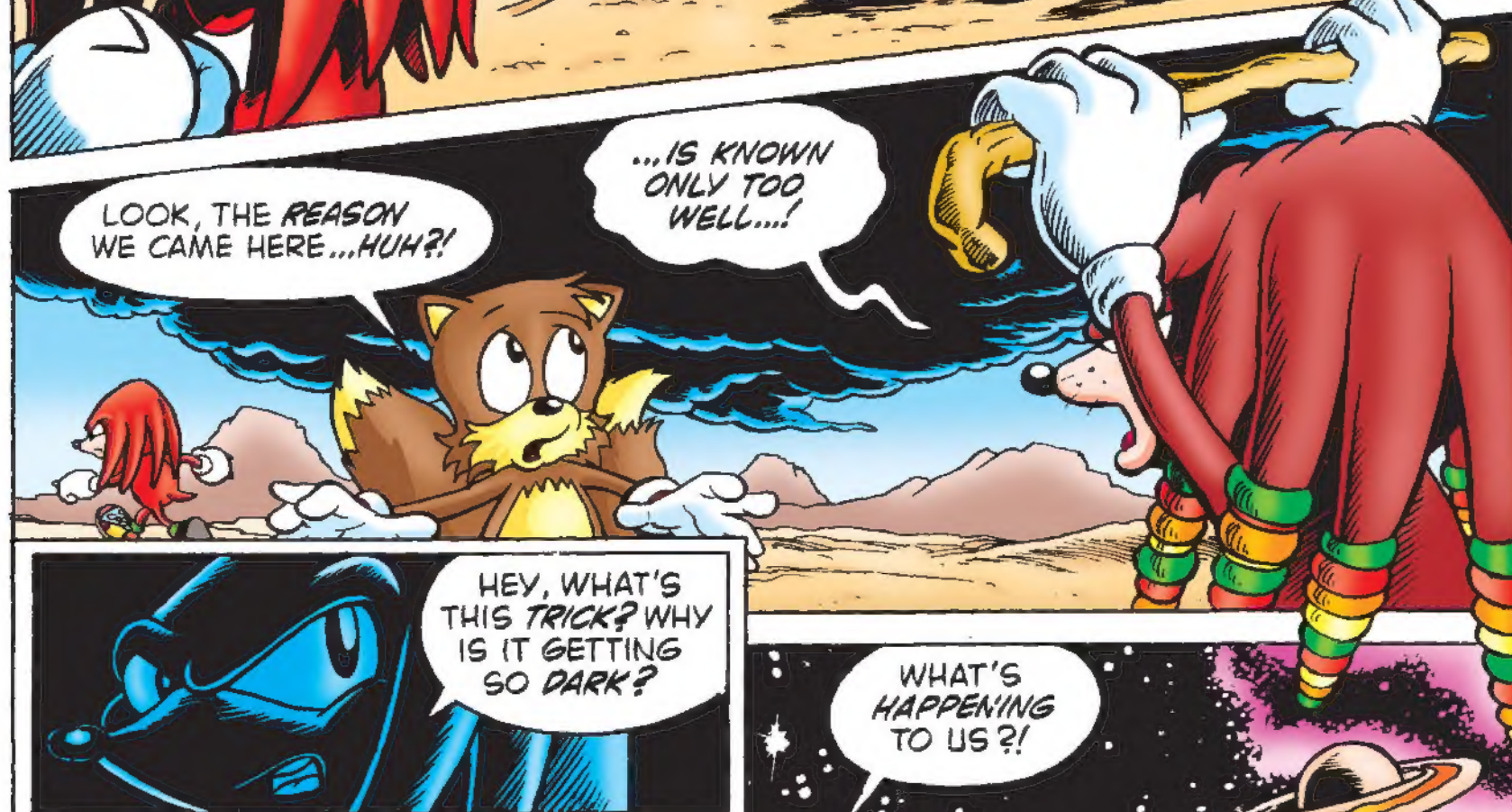
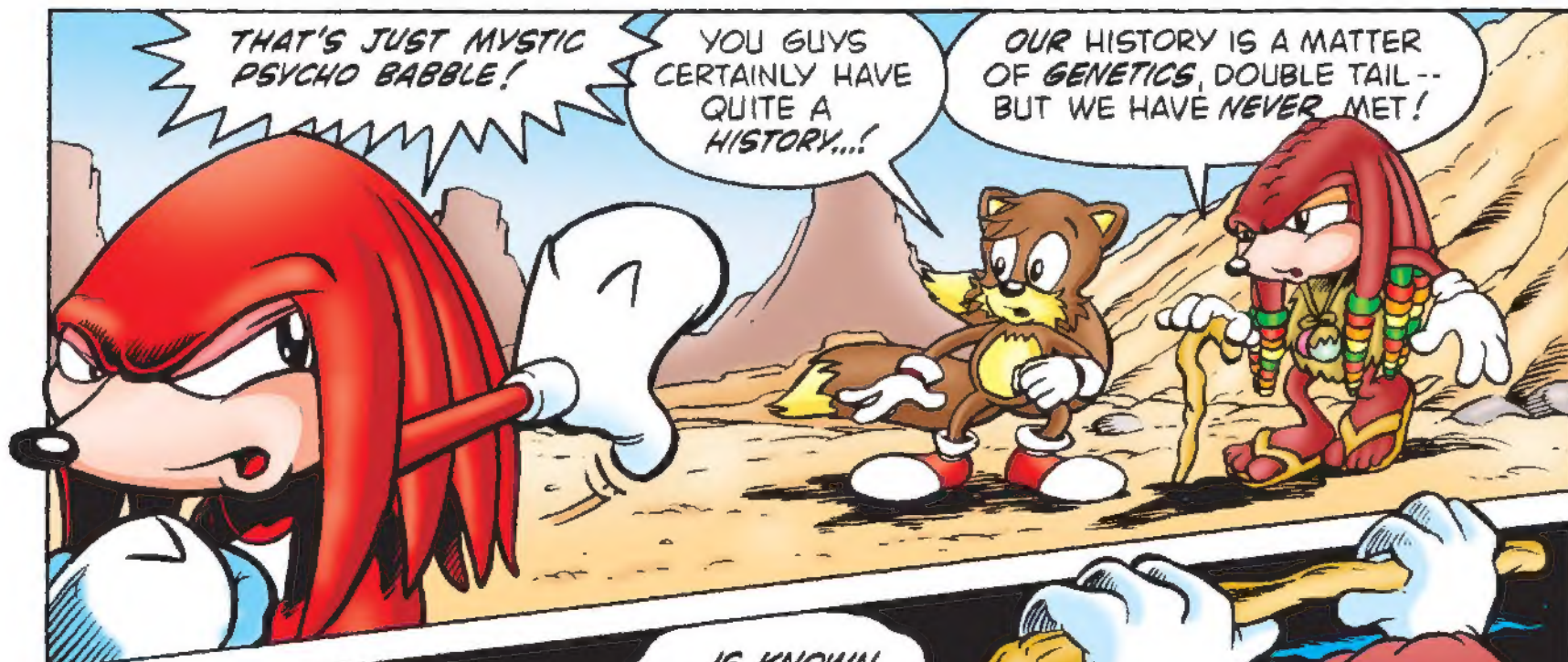
*TAILS MINI-SERIES #3
YUP, IT'S ME AGAIN.

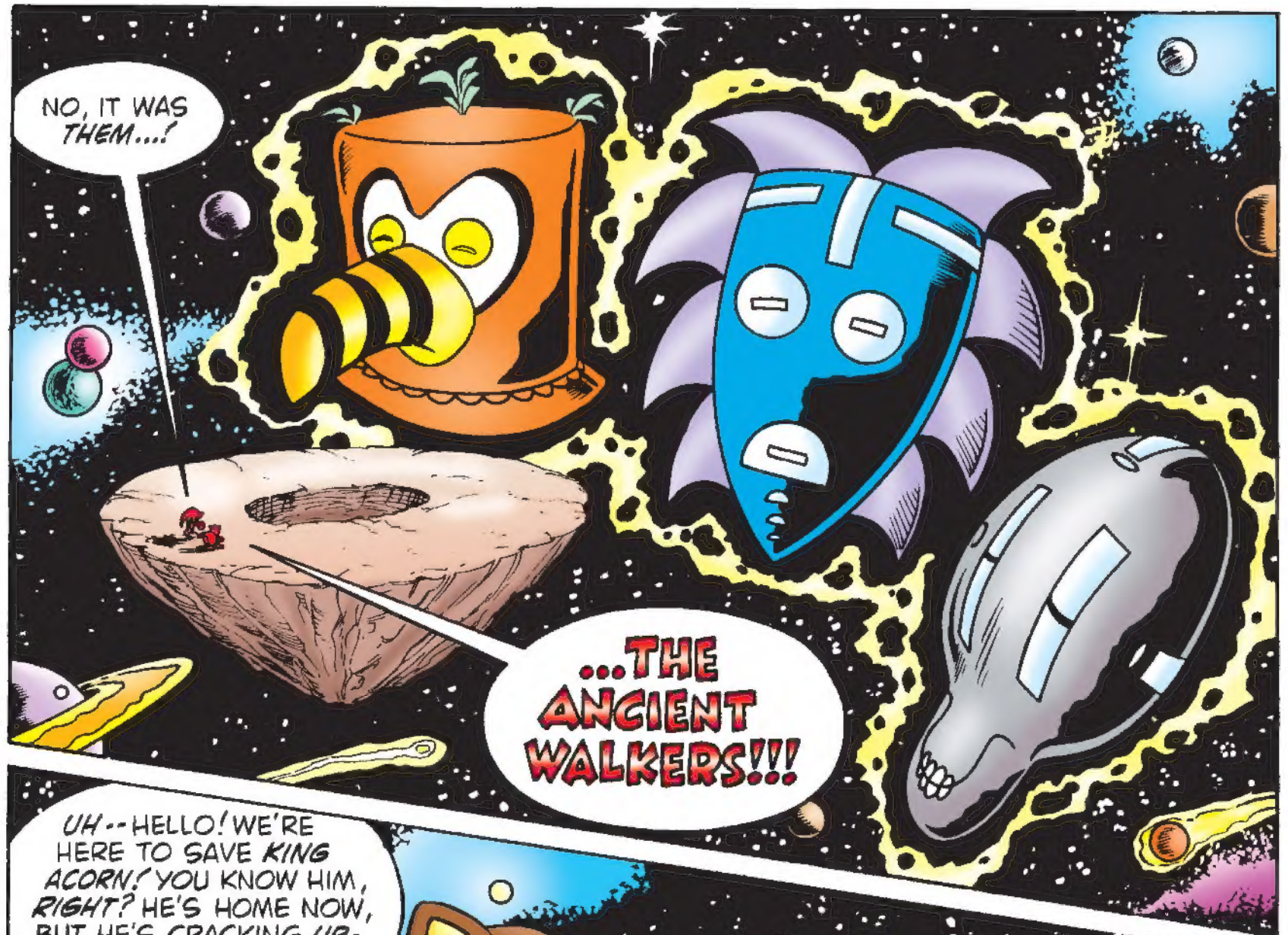


ONE HOUR AFTER DOCKING...









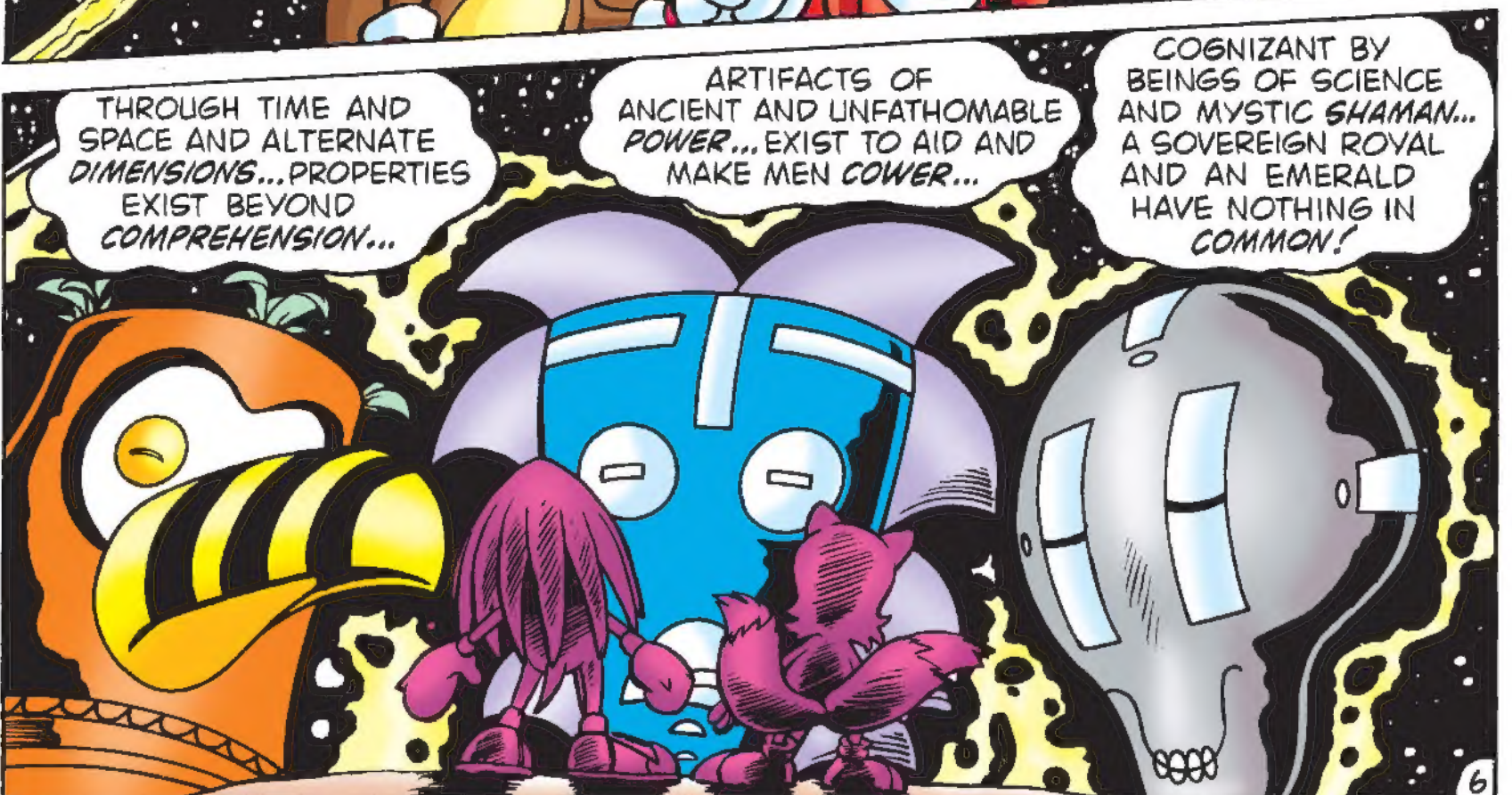
NO, IT WAS
THEM....!

...THE
ANCIENT
WALKERS!!!



UH--HELLO! WE'RE
HERE TO SAVE KING
ACORN! YOU KNOW HIM,
RIGHT? HE'S HOME NOW,
BUT HE'S CRACKING UP--
-UHH--ERR--TURNING
TO CRYSTAL! AND WE
NEED TO KNOW HOW A
CHAOS EMERALD CAN
SAVE HIM! SO PLEASE
HELP US, OKAY?

JEEZ! AND I
ACCUSED A THAI
OF PSYCHO
BABBLE!!



THROUGH TIME AND
SPACE AND ALTERNATE
DIMENSIONS...PROPERTIES
EXIST BEYOND
COMPREHENSION...

ARTIFACTS OF
ANCIENT AND UNFATHOMABLE
POWER...EXIST TO AID AND
MAKE MEN COWER...

COGNIZANT BY
BEINGS OF SCIENCE
AND MYSTIC SHAMAN...
A SOVEREIGN ROYAL
AND AN EMERALD
HAVE NOTHING IN
COMMON!

